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Town must be a unique destination says forum

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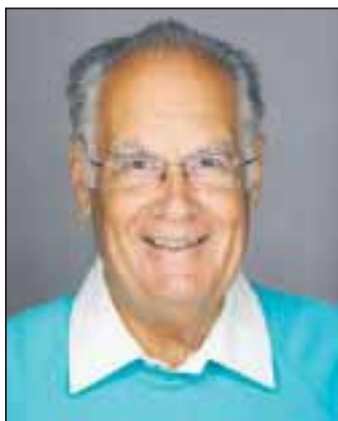
A GROUP set up to ensure Dorchester's survival has rejected what it says is the 'simplistic view' of building more shops.

It says that there has to be a recognition of what is happening in the real world – that internet selling will eventually lead to more traditional business closures and that the town has to find something else to offer residents and visitors.

One solution could be to develop the town's history and culture – including a Roman bathhouse which is buried beneath the town centre and the Roman town house which few seem to know about behind County Hall.

In an initial report the town centre forum group points out that more than 30 businesses remain empty in the town centre.

Problems highlighted in Dorchester include the difficulty of parking in the town centre, especially on market day; a poor or non-existent bus services to many villages and the Trinity Street bus stops which are



■ PETER Noble who has produced the report for the forum

described as 'a disgrace.'

There is criticism of the council decision to move the Tourist Information Office into the town library which means no service for visitors when the building is shut – including Sundays and Bank Holidays. The report points out that with the weak-

ness of the pound inward tourism to the UK is expected to grow, yet Dorchester seems unprepared for it.

"A well-known truism is that nothing stays static, it either grows, or dies. One imagines dying is not an option. So, how does one create growth? It seems that the simplistic view is build more shops! But the picture is much bigger than that," says the initial forum report.

"The need is to develop footfall, vital if the independent retailers, restaurants and other facilities are to survive. So, if footfall is the key, then the virtues of Dorchester need to be exploited."

Instead of becoming like many other towns Dorchester needs to build on its heritage and promote what it has and does well – including local food, drink and crafts; having shops and sites of interest which are attractive to visitors; making Dorchester a unique 'destination' town...

The report, which has been put together by local businessman Peter Noble, challenges those who shape the town's future to adopt a wider view of the future and prepare for it – in new ways.

"It has become increasingly clear that the bodies that represent the people who live in the town, work and run their businesses do not understand the rate of evolution that we face, and what to do about it. Words are said, but the complete block to progress is both party politics and the system that elects them.

"Not one person the writer has met, heard from or read anything in any of the media agrees with the council's latest proposal – an unimaginative repeat of four decades of failure. The only people to benefit financially from the farce have been a succession of consultants, lawyers, and council employees."



■ SOUTH Street

Adapted bungalows for former arts centre site



■ The former arts centre site at School Lane, off The Grove

DISABILITY adapted bungalows are to be built on the site of the former Dorchester Arts Centre which has been empty since 2015.

The East Boro' Housing Trust has been granted planning permission to develop the site of the former school building, off the Grove.

The hall itself will be converted into a communal lounge with three new disability bungalows being built, together with two one-bed houses.

East Boro' bought the site from the Duchy of Cornwall, who have made the site available at below market value.

The housing association is working in partnership with the NHS, which is providing capital funding to enable innovative technology to be installed to increase the independence of the tenants: it will also ensure that the rents are affordable.

The accommodation at School Lane will be let to people who have a learning or physical disability, providing a

settled home with the support they need to live independently. They will also benefit from easy access to the town centre.

East Boro is working in partnership with Dorset County Council who will nominate the tenants. Dorset County Council's Cabinet member for health and care Cllr Jill Haynes said: "We are pleased to be working with East Boro to deliver much needed new homes for people with learning or physical disabilities. Together we will deliver the homes and support needed to ensure people can live independently in the community rather than in hospital or residential care."

The redevelopment will shortly be getting underway with the first tenants due to move in before Christmas 2018.

Elieen Hayward, Chair of East Boro', said: "We are looking forward to providing new sustainable homes for 5 local people at this accessible town centre site. We will be working with the

Council and NHS to ensure that the homes, which will incorporate the latest 'smart home' technology, enable local people with a learning or physical disability to live independently.

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Lottery funds benefit Dorset groups

COMMUNITY groups in West Dorset are celebrating after receiving a share of more than £5million in National Lottery Funding.

The money, raised by players for good causes, is being distributed by the Big Lottery Fund and more than 250 projects in the south west will benefit.

Chesil Bank Preschool has been awarded £4,277.29 to go towards building their capacity by extending their opening hours.

Litton Cheney Parish Council received £6,842.51 to improve the playground in the village.

The project aims to encourage children to engage in exercise and

lead a healthier lifestyle.

Mediation Dorset, which is based in Poundbury, was awarded £9,225 to train new volunteers to become community mediators, as well as to provide training for existing mediators, supporting more people to come together and resolve their issues.

Weymouth College received £9,910 to train volunteers to help their neighbours learn IT skills and reduce digital exclusion, improving access to services.

Piddle Valley First School was awarded £10,000 to create a variety of play areas for children, increasing local provision for play facilities

and supporting children's development.

Wessex 4X4 Response, which offers a variety of services to local authorities, emergency services and volunteer agencies across Dorset, Wiltshire and Avon and Somerset, received £10,000.

This will be used to purchase a trailer to offer services in extreme weather conditions.

The project aims to build capacity for the organisation and improve local services for people who live in rural isolation.

Relate Dorset and South Wiltshire, based in Poundbury, was awarded £10,000 to refurbish toilet facilities in their community

building.

The project aims to bring the facilities up to a higher standard and improve access for disabled users.

James Harcourt, England grant making director at the Big Lottery Fund, said: "We are proud to be able to distribute National Lottery money to community projects that are making a real difference across the country.

"It is amazing to see some of the incredible things people are making happen for themselves and the people around them. It really is life changing."

It only takes One Punch to devastate a life

DORSET Police are launching a 'One Punch' campaign with the release of an emotive video to highlight the consequences of confrontation and violence.

In 2016, the force dealt with almost 10,000 crimes involving violence, with four people tragically losing their lives from injuries sustained by a single punch.

Dorset Police are working with Dr Jonny Coxon on its #OnePunch campaign to highlight the dangers of being involved in violence after his brother, David Coxon, was tragically killed by a single punch while he was at a scooter rally at Sandford Holiday Park in March 2016.

David was knocked to the ground by Jason James, an amateur boxer and roofer from Newton Abbot in Devon, while the pair were visiting Dorset with other members of the Cider Commandos of Newton Abbot Scooter Club.

James initially fled the scene before returning a few hours later to hand himself into officers. Paramedics attended but sadly David was pronounced dead at the scene.

The court heard both the defendant and the victim had gone into the bushes to urinate when James 'felt something warm' on his leg and subsequently punched David. A post-mortem examination established that the cause of death was a head injury likely to have been caused by one event.

James admitted manslaughter and was sentenced to four years in prison at Winchester Crown Court in April 2016.

The #OnePunch campaign aims to encourage people who find themselves involved in a confrontation or argument to stop, think about their actions and the potential consequences and walk away.

It will include a series of videos released on social media along with bar mats and posters being given to licensed premises across Dorset to promote the campaign. Anyone arrested for common assault, actual bodily harm or grievous bodily harm will also be given a leaflet while in custody, giving them more information about how the consequences of their actions could have resulted in tragedy.

Dr Jonny Coxon, said: "Just after David died when all the tributes were coming in, I genuinely lost count of the number of times people described him as the 'gentle giant'. We chose the words on his gravestone really carefully and I think the last few sum him up really well, it finishes - big man, big laugh, big heart. That was him.

"Losing your brother is unimaginably devastating. I still get flashbacks of the last time



■ MUCH MISSED: David Coxon, left, with his brother Dr Jonny Coxon

Mum and I saw his body lying in the morgue; cold and lifeless. That's where we got to say our last goodbye.

"If this campaign can help to drive home the destruction that comes from that one moment of losing self-control - the flying fist and suddenly someone has potentially become a killer. If there is a hint of a chance that someone in that situation can remember something like this and pause, take a moment and walk away, I think lives can be changed and saved.

"We don't live in the movies and in real life, it can take just one punch and sometimes people just don't get back up."

Superintendent Jared Parkin, of Dorset Police, said: "We have been working with Dr Jonny Coxon to produce a series of videos to share over the coming weeks and I'm sure anyone watching them will get a real sense of the heartbreak and devastation this tragedy has caused the victim's family.

"A single act and that split second decision can cause devastating lasting damage to numerous lives. Last year, Dorset Police dealt with 9,868 crimes involving an element of violence, any of which could have turned deadly.

"Alcohol plays a major role in violent crime and national statistics show that 53 per cent of violent incidents involving adults were alcohol-related, most commonly involving male victims.

"At this time of the year we see more people heading out to celebrate, enjoying Christmas parties and socialising with colleagues who you often wouldn't be out drinking with. We would encourage everyone to think about their actions and how easily a momentary decision can affect the rest of your life and potentially end others."

'No Excuse' prosecution

A prolific driving offender has been handed a suspended prison sentence and driving ban for continuing to flout the law.

He is the latest of a number of motorists who have been identified by Op Dragoon as high-risk drivers by Dorset Police's No Excuse team, targeted and brought to justice.

Owen Hughes, 24, pictured, of Buttermarket in Poundbury, became an Op Dragoon target in February 2017 when he came to the attention of officers for driving without a licence.

Since then, Hughes has been convicted of a large number of offences including three offences of driving with no licence, two offences of driving while disqualified and five offences of driving without insurance as well as failing to appear at court, taking a vehicle without consent, assaulting a police officer and possession of cannabis.

He last appeared at Weymouth Magistrates' Court on November 15th. He has appeared in court on five occasions and been sentenced to a total of 12-weeks prison suspended for 12 months, disqualified from driving for a total of two years, accumulated 12 penalty points on his licence and ordered to pay a total of £1,635 in fines and court costs.

Police Sergeant Mark Farrow, of the No Excuse team, said: "Owen Hughes has continued to drive throughout the Op Dragoon process and pose a risk to other road users. Despite the best efforts of officers, he simply will not change his driving behaviour.

"We act on the intelligence from the public to help us track and convict offenders. If you know of anyone committing a driving offence, please contact police urgently so we can deal with them robustly. Call 999 if a crime is in progress, alternatively contact Dorset Police by visiting www.dorset.police.uk, via email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111."

Operation Dragoon is Dorset Police's direct response to identifying and dealing with risk drivers; including those driving under the influence of drink or drugs or driving illegally or inappropriately and who pose a serious risk to themselves as well as putting other drivers' lives at risk.



Community playing field could be developed for new housing



■ The community playing field at Elizabeth Place on Dorchester's Victoria Park

A community playing field on Dorchester's Victoria Park estate could be re-developed for housing.

But the move has upset local councillor, Gerald Duke, who says the green space ought to be protected.

Magna Housing, which owns the field, used once a year for a community bonfire and the rest of the years for games, say they will be consulting local people in the new year about their plans for the site, along with others.

The proposals for the Elizabeth Place play area has also led to a social media campaign by residents. "This is the only remaining green area in Victoria Park and I know it's important to many residents, particularly parents with young children

who they can monitor regularly while they play out on that green.

"There will be other sites that the town council can release for this type of housing. There are other green areas in the town which aren't used which I think are more suitable for what is wanted," said Cllr Duke, reflecting concerns on Facebook.

Magna say they are currently looking at all the sites they own in an effort to build more affordable homes for local people.

Director David Aldwinckle said: "We will be consulting with the community in January to find the right balance between the crucial need to build more affordable homes and how the sites we own are currently used."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Please protect our important green spaces

■ FURTHER to Mr Chisholm's letter on 29 November, I attended the initial meeting regarding the proposal to build affordable housing on tennis courts adjacent to Borough Gardens where we were informed of the following:

- The proposed development land was given to Dorchester Council many years ago with the condition that they should not make any money from its development. In order to comply with this condition we were supplied with finance details which somewhat bizarrely indicated that the sale of the land would not make any overall profit due to the associated costs.
- Despite being considered 'affordable housing' those buying the flats would need to earn approximately £30,000 per annum.

At the meeting I raised the issue of the reduction of amenity and recreational space within Dorchester. The fact that two replacement tennis courts are being built on the old bowling green does not compensate for the overall loss of public open space or the fact that a green space will be replaced by a hard court surface. This encroaching on Borough Gardens sets a very worrying precedent.

With the increase in population such recreation space within towns should be protected not used for more development. We are fortunate to have a legacy of wonderful town gardens and need to fight to keep them for future generations.

JULIA JOHNSTONE
Dorchester



A WEYMOUTH man has run between Weymouth and Dorchester in less than an hour to raise money as a tribute to his grandmother.

Jamie Dear, of Weymouth, ran the seven miles between the Trimar Hospice in Weymouth and the Joseph Weld Hospice in Dorchester.

"My grandma, Jane Harvey, was terminally ill with ovarian cancer and passed in September 2015. Weldmar Hospicecare looked after her exceptionally well in her last week, so I decided to give something back to Weldmar for all the care they gave her. I know it costs a huge amount for Weldmar to provide the services they do," said Jamie, a trainee architectural technologist with local firm, C G Fry and Son.

"I completed the seven-mile run in 52 minutes and I thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. The run went really well and the weather was just right too. The steep incline along the relief road was very tough but I kept reminding myself that this is what I'd been training for. My family

pulled up at intervals along my route to give support and get some footage of me making my way there which helped me realise that I was making good time and to keep pushing!

"I'm very happy to help raise funds for such a worthy organisation and I hope to continue doing so in the future."

Naomi Dennett, Weldmar's Running and Challenges Fundraiser, said: "Everyone at Weldmar is very proud of Jamie – and really appreciate the effort he went to. We would like to thank him for raising over £400 for us. It's only with the support of our local community that we are able to provide our outstanding services across Dorset".

Weldmar Hospicecare has a number of challenge events throughout the year, which can be found at www.weld-hospice.org.uk/challenges.

If you would like more information, or help in setting up your own fundraising challenge events, contact the Fundraising team by calling 01305 261800 or by emailing fundraising@weld-hospice.org.uk

Jamie's tribute to his gran

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Death Notices

BROOME TREVOR (Joe)

passed away peacefully on the 3rd December 2017 aged 69 years. A much loved husband to Heather and will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. The funeral service will take place at Higher Ground Meadow, Beaminster on Tuesday 19th December at 1.00pm. Flowers welcome or donations if desired to the BASC C/O A J Wakely & Sons, 7a Silver Street, Lyme Regis, DT7 3HR.

WATSON MARGARET ANNIE

Passed away peacefully on 3 December 2017 at Bymead House aged 98. A memorial service will be held at St Michael the Archangel, Lyme Regis on Saturday 6th January at 11.30am. She is survived by two sons, Kevin & Graham Benfield and one step-son, Peter Watson, four grandchildren and two great grandsons. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the PDSA. c/o A J Wakely & Sons, 7a Silver Street, Lyme Regis, Dorset DT7 3HR

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merry christmas

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday on 14th December
Rebecca Mary Cox
Enjoy your day Becky.
Love Grandad, Grandma, Aunties,
Uncles and Cousins xxx



To wish James Huxter
Happy 16th Birthday on 13th December. What a lovely son, we are so proud of you. Love Mum & Dad xxx



Happy Birthday!

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Future of Maumbury House children's home still unclear



THE future of staff and young people at Maumbury House in Dorchester is still unclear following a council cabinet meeting this week when a consultation was approved with councillors insisting that "all options remain open". Staff at the home for children with emotional and behavioural difficulties had been told that their jobs were at risk because the county council was seeking to close and sell the property.

At a meeting on Wednesday of last week the county's cabinet approved a consultation about the future of the property.

Councillors also agreed to recruit 20 social workers to help reduce the number of children in care.

Dorset County Council said cabinet members had agreed to invest £1m to recruit experienced social workers to focus efforts on prevention and early help for families.

Children's services councillor Steve Butler said: "If we want to reduce the number of children going into care, we need to give our staff more time to work closely with families so they can really make a difference.

"The more social workers we have, the more manageable our caseloads will become, mean-

ing there's more time to change children's lives for the better."

Maumbury House Community Home is Dorset's only home for children with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

The union Unison said some children were already living in guest houses following the closure of another home.

Unison branch secretary Amanda Brown said closing the unit would be an "ill-conceived idea" which would lead to children being sent out of the county, away from families and friends.

Mr Butler said the consultation - involving staff and young people as well as council departments and partner agencies, such as the NHS and police - would be followed by a report which would be presented to cabinet "setting out all the possibilities".

In July, Maumbury House - which provides long-term placements for up to five young people - was rated inadequate by an Ofsted inspection.

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■ IT'S A CRACKER:
The tree and the
Corn Exchange
are lit up for
Christmas.
Right, a floodlit St
Peter's Church

LAST week's Dorchester Cracker has been described by BID chairman John Fiori as "the best yet."

The annual late-night shopping event saw the High Street closed to traffic for the evening and thousands of people thronging the town centre.

Musical entertainment, an indoor market in the Corn Exchange, Fair-ground stalls and a night market in South Street all added to the festive fun.

Said Mr Fiori: "It was just brilliant, there were people everywhere and the weather was kind to us, which was a bonus."

Christmas with the band

DORCHESTER'S Durnovaria Silver Band will be entertaining local people in the coming week with their Christmas programme.

This Friday, 15th, the band will be at the Saxon Arms, Stratton from 7pm until 9pm and the following day, Saturday 16th, in South Street, Dorchester for carols from 10.30am until 12.30pm.

They will be providing the music for the Borough Gardens carols on Thursday, December 21st from 6.30pm.

On Christmas Day they will play for guests at The George Albert Hotel, Wardon Hill from 11.30am until 2.30pm.



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Tuesday 26 Dec	Thursday 28 Dec
Wednesday 27 Dec	Friday 29 Dec
Thursday 28 Dec	Saturday 30 Dec
Friday 29 Dec	Tuesday 2 Jan
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Tuesday 2 Jan	Thursday 4 Jan
Wednesday 3 Jan	Friday 5 Jan
Thursday 4 Jan	Saturday 6 Jan
Friday 5 Jan	Monday 8 Jan
Monday 8 Jan	Tuesday 9 Jan
Tuesday 9 Jan	Wednesday 10 Jan
Wednesday 10 Jan	Thursday 11 Jan
Thursday 11 Jan	Friday 12 Jan
Friday 12 Jan	Saturday 13 Jan
Monday 15 Jan	No change

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Recycle more

This Christmas, don't let all your waste go to landfill. If you live in Dorset*, you can recycle:

- All cooked and uncooked food waste
- Wrapping paper, cardboard and Christmas cards
- Plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays
- Glass bottles and jars (Please keep glass separate)

We'll collect **extra recycling** in your own boxes.

Thank you for recycling!

If you live in Dorset*, check for changes to your collection

* Doesn't include Bournemouth or Poole. Check your council website for details.

Please be aware, we will not be collecting Christmas trees at the kerbside this year. For more details visit: www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/christmas-trees



dorsetforyou.gov.uk/christmas-waste

Awards for all grant to help more people get online in Weymouth

One hundred people in Weymouth and Portland can learn how to get online thanks to a new project run by Weymouth Area Development Trust and funded by Awards for All.

Volunteer digital champions are needed to help run digital sessions in Melcombe Regis, Underhill, Westham and Littlemoor.

Over a fifth of adults nationally lack the five basic digital skills and around half of those have never been online at all. This means they are missing out on all the benefits of the internet, from finding money-saving deals for utilities to applying for jobs or benefits. Connecting People Weymouth will recruit, train and support 24 volunteers to help people learn the basic skills they need to benefit from the internet.

From the spring, people living in the four key

areas will have the chance to learn how to find health information online, keep in touch with family and friends, set up email accounts or tablets, save money by shopping online and more

Chris Wilson of the Weymouth Area Development Trust said: "Some people are having a tough time in our town. To miss out on a job or a home because you don't have the skills to get online safely is heart-breaking. Generous people with those skills who volunteer can make a huge difference to their neighbours' lives. We are grateful to Awards for All for giving us the resource to make this happen."

Deborah Croney holds Dorset County Council's skills portfolio. She said: "Dorset's Digital Champions are changing lives across Dorset

by giving people essential life skills. This opportunity to work with Weymouth Area Development Trust will enable us to work intensively in a part of the county where we know we can make a big difference. Thank you to WADT for this opportunity."

Community groups will be able to refer people into this intensive learning opportunity. More information for them will be available after Tuesday's launch from chriswilson@wadt.org.uk.

Meanwhile help is already available for people wanting to improve their digital skills at the town's libraries.

Anyone who has the skills and time to be a digital champion is asked to email superfast@dorsetcc.gov.uk.

Sheep attacked by dog

A SHEEP, grazing on the edge of Poundbury, has been attacked by a dog.

The animal was found with an injured, bloodied leg with a visible puncture wound consistent with a dog bite. It was discovered with the injuries in a field off the Great Cranford Street area of Poundbury.

The local PCSO has asked local people to remember to keep dogs on a lead near to livestock and is warning dog owners that sheep worrying is an offence.

If anyone has information connected to this incident please contact Dorset Police by calling 101 or using the website quoting reference - occurrence 55170188512.

Birdwatching group

DORCHESTER U3A birdwatching group are planning a sort walk along the Chesil Beach on December 18th before retiring to the beach Café to end their year.

On January 15th the group meet indoors for a talk by Allan Reese about Bird Lists and Ringing, followed on February 19th with a talk by Ed Chivers, RSPB Visitor Experience Officer, about the Weymouth Reserves.



FENCED off area at Fairfield where archaeological excavations have taken place

No significant finds under Dorchester car park

DORCHESTER'S Fairfield long stay car park should be back to normal this week after three areas were cordoned off for an archaeological dig.

An initial report suggests that little of significance was found – with a full report being sent to the County Archaeologist.

Cllr John Russell, Chairman of the Dorchester Town Centre working group, said: "The heritage of Dorchester is very important to us and the town. Further understanding of this area was vital to understand how we could best enhance the space with any

potential development."

He said that the archaeological consultants 'Context One Heritage and Archaeology' have given an initial report saying they found several undated features including a ditch and a few, small pits.

"The archaeological consultant informed us that on their own, these are not deemed significant. We will be sending the full report to the County Archaeologist, who advised on the locations for these trenches. They will then send us their comments. Once the County Archaeologist has re-

viewed the report we will put a summary of the report on our website."

The investigation was carried out following West Dorset District Council's decision to redevelop the area with a possible move for the weekly Wednesday market and Sunday car boot.

One possible use for the site could be a multi-storey car park.

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It's a cracker for fire fighters

WEYMOUTH firefighters will be holding their Christmas Fire Cracker event at the weekend. Taking place at the Community Fire Station in Radipole Lane, Weymouth on Saturday 16th, it will raise money for The Fire Fighters Charity, SafeWise and Julia's House Hospice.

The fun event starts at midday and will be officially opened by Santa who will then take up residency in his grotto from 1pm to 4pm.

During the afternoon, fire crews will be focusing on Christmas safety with a live fire demonstration, as well as a road traffic collision demonstration to highlight the importance of not drinking and driving.

For the first time, visitors will be able to experience the thrill of the popular Blue Light Run, a Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service driving simulator that gives children the excitement of being in a real fire engine under blue light conditions.

There will be a range of stalls, refreshments, train rides, performances from local school choirs and majorettes as well as a birds of prey demonstration.

Crew Manager and event organiser Adrian Miller said: "We're so pleased to be bringing the Fire Cracker back again this year, especially after the amazing success of last year's event. We're looking forward to welcoming everybody on what is sure to be a fun and educational afternoon."

The draw for the Fire Cracker raffle will take place in the evening after the event, with prizes up for grabs including Sea Life passes, meal vouchers to local restaurants, wine and hampers all donated by local businesses and supporters.

Raffle tickets are now available from Weymouth Fire Station on Radipole Lane and will also be available on the day.



■ DEREK Luckhurst, the entrepreneur behind the Castletown Regeneration initiative, Ian McQuade the commercial manager of Portland Port and Stephen George, the curator of the Castletown D-Day Centre are all delighted with a record breaking year for cruise business at the port. Below, vehicles from the D-Day centre on parade for a visiting ship



Record cruise ship year for Portland Port

PORTLAND Port says that 2017 has been a record breaking year for cruise business, with the port receiving its greatest number of cruise ships and passengers to date.

The port says it has worked hard to make visitors welcome to Dorset.

For a cruise ship's departure, the port organises musical entertainment on the quayside along with canon fire from the Nothe Fort Artillery volunteers, all of which is very well received by the passengers. Some cruise calls this year have been lucky enough to have a quayside display of vehicles and volunteers from the newly opened Castletown D-Day Centre.

Ian McQuade, Portland Port's Commercial Manager has presented a cheque from Portland Port, for £500, to the Castletown D-Day Centre. The museum's curator, Stephen George and Derek Luckhurst, who is the local entrepreneur behind the Castletown Regeneration Initiative, showed Mr McQuade around the centre and accepted the donation.

Fire in shipping container

AN investigation has been launched after a fire occurred in a shipping container at Portland Port on Wednesday, December 6th.

Three fire crews attended after a member of the public raised the alarm at 11am. The blaze was in a shipping container on Dock Road. The container was filled with plastic buoys and other materials.

No one was hurt in the incident and fire fighters, wearing breathing apparatus, doused the flames with compressed air foam.

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Dorchester social club for older people

Age UK Dorchester is trying to spread the word about its social club which it runs for older people on four days a week at Rowan Cottage.

The club is open at the charity's Prince of Wales Road headquarters from 9.30am to 3pm, including a home-cooked lunch.

The charity has recently revamped the area and caters for a variety of people and needs.

Organiser say effective day services play a vital role in supporting individuals and in maintaining their contact with the community, and play a vital role in combating social isolation and loneliness, both for people living alone and people living with others.

Social contact may reduce the harmful effects of psychological stress, and even if physical quality of life is poor, older people can experience good emotional wellbeing and a good mental quality of life.

Use of the club can also offer a break for carers.

Other activities offered at Rowan Cottage include indoor bowling, art, quizzes, board games and reminiscence activities.

If you or your relative would like to attend, or you would like to volunteer for one day per week, please contact: Lisa Holmes on 01305 269444 or email her - lholmes@ageuk-dorchester.org.uk

Recalled to prison

A WEYMOUTH man wanted for breaching his licence conditions has been located.

Shaun Lewis, who is 24, was serving a three-year sentence for causing grievous bodily harm when he was released from prison on Friday, September 18th 2015.

He failed to comply with his licence conditions and was wanted by police.

Lewis was arrested on Friday, December 8th, at an address in Bournemouth and has been recalled to prison.



PRIZE-winning local poet Albert Gillen is selling a collection of his poems called *Some Rhyme Time* in aid of the Cancer Appeal at Dorset County Hospital.

Mr Gillen's collection contains nearly 50 poems on different subjects including Weymouth and Portland. A former cancer patient himself he wanted to do something to thank the staff at Dorset County Hospital who had looked after him, and many of his friends.

A long-time supporter of the hospital, has handed over the money raised from the sale of his poetry books over the past few months.

Mr Gillen also wanted to say thank you to those who had supported his most recent fundraising activities: "I wanted to give a special mention to Denise, my ever-supportive, lovely wife, and my sister-in-law Carole Stanley. Also to Jenny Bayley, Ali Marfell, Chris Smith, Peter Peacock and Diane."

"If ever there was a charity worth raising money for it is the Dorset County Hospital Cancer Appeal. I sincerely hope that people will use their individual creative skills and come up with fundraising ideas to boost the charity's funds."

Damian Chandler, finance administrator for the charity, said that the appeal had now reached nearly £1.4 million but that it still needed lots of support from the local community if the total of £1.75 million was to be reached in the next few months. The appeal is funding a Cancer and Haematology Outpatients Department which is being built on top of the new Radiotherapy Unit at the hospital. When complete, the project will bring radiotherapy services to Dorchester for the first time.

To find out more about the Cancer Appeal phone 01305 253215 or email charity@dchft.nhs.uk

Beerex tickets on sale

TICKETS for Dorchester's 30th beer festival in February are now on sale.

The event takes place in Dorchester Corn Exchange on Friday February 2nd and 3rd.

The popular event is organised by West Dorset Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) with Dorchester Round Table and is sponsored by Palmers brewery of Bridport. The main benefactor of this years charity will be the Dorchester social stroke club.

Tickets are priced at £10 each and include 3 halves of beer, a commemorative festival glass and programme. They are available from: Goldie's and the Bakers Arms pubs; Dorchester; The Brace of Butchers, Poundbury; The Boot pub; Weymouth or online from www.camrawdorset.org.uk or by calling 01305 788939.

The festival is split into 4 separate sessions between 11-15.30 and 18.00-23.30.

Beerex chairman Lee Turner said: "Over the years the festival has got so popular that we have had to put tickets on sell earlier and increase seating capacity to cope with the demand."

Speed limit lowered

A SECTION of road between Lower Burton, just outside Dorchester and Charminster will have its speed limit reduced from 50 to 40mph.

County councillors have approved the change to the C12, Old Sherborne Road, after a series of crashes on the section in recent years.

Charminster Parish Council has backed the move and agreed to fund some of the cost of new road orders and signage.

Indoor games

INDOOR activities, including boules, are being offered at winter sessions being held at Stratton Village Hall during the winter.

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Students in a celebration of equality and diversity

WEYMOUTH College has hosted an Equality and Diversity Fair which was visited by the borough Mayor.

The event was organised by the Year 2, Level 3 BTEC Business Group and saw £35 raised and donated to the Dorchester Islamic Centre.

The students chose the centre, following a visit to Dorchester in early November.

The centre lent many of the clothes and costumes used by the students in the fashion show – one of the highlights of the Fair.

Other events included henna painting, 'sponge the lecturer' and a Bollywood dance exhibition.

Course lecturer Martin MacDonald said: "I was hoping that the business studies group would learn both from the experience and through

the process of managing the event successfully. I was really delighted to see those expectations exceeded by every one of the 14 students. They are all a great credit to the college".

Students and visitors were able to sample many of the activities offered by more than 12 agencies represented at the fair - all demonstrating best practice in equality and diversity.

Exhibitors included: Dorset County Council, Wiltshire and Dorset Fire and Rescue, Dorset Race Equality Council, Space, You First and Weymouth College's Health and Social Care students.

Student Alfie Carney added: "We are really pleased that the Equality and Diversity Fair was such a success and would like to thank again ev-

eryone who exhibited and helped out on the day. We have just had our debrief session to look at what went well and what could have been improved and we had just one outcome – we need to tell more people about it."

The college's ESOL students also arranged an 'international cook off' in the college's HIX Academy in support of the fair. The students pulled out all the stops to put on a meal showcasing authentic cooking and preparation skills from Eritrea, Spain, Thailand and Japan. Guests were able to taste samples from around the globe voting for their favourite cuisine.

It was a closely fought battle with the eventual winner - Pon from Thailand - winning a three-course meal at the HIX Academy.



■ WELCOME to our fair - the business group students put on the event and the HIX Academy arranged an international cook-off, below



■ THE Mayor and Mayoress of Weymouth, Councillor Kevin and Anne Brookes attend the fair

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Feast of St. Stephen

Tuesday 26th Mass at 12 noon at St Catherine's Bridport

Credit card from robbery used

DETECTIVES investigating a reported burglary in Dorchester are appealing for the public's help.

Sometime between midnight and 2.40am on Sunday, December 3rd it was reported that a burglary occurred at an address in Prospect Road. Three coats and a shoulder bag were stolen. These items were found discarded nearby but a credit card and small amount of cash was not recovered. The card was allegedly used at a takeaway restaurant at 2.40am the same day.

An 18-year-old man and a 19-year-old

woman – both from Weymouth – have been arrested on suspicion of burglary and have been released under investigation.

Detective Constable Siobhan Lovering, of Weymouth CID, said: "I am appealing to anyone who saw suspicious activity in the area of Prospect Road at the relevant time to please contact Dorset Police.

"Following enquiries we have located a CD, sat nav and holder which we believe was stolen from a car in the Dorchester area sometime between the

evening of Saturday, December 2nd and the morning of Sunday, December 3rd. I am keen to hear from anyone who had their car broken into and these items stolen as we would like to return them."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Dorset Police at www.dorset.police.uk, via email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101, quoting occurrence number 55170187769. Alternatively contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Sophie in training for honey monster walk

A WEYMOUTH carer is planning to walk from the town to Lyme Regis in a honey monster costume.

The madcap adventure is to honour a friend who passed away from cancer a month ago.

Sophie Farenden cared for Malcolm Homer during the last week of his life.

The charity walk for Cancer Research UK will take place on January 30th which would have been Malcolm's next birthday.

Sophie has drafted in a friend who is training to be a PE teacher to help devise a training plan, as she admits she is not as fit as she would like to be.

"I'm looking forward to the buzz, obviously if I was to do walk 30 miles now I say no thanks.

"But because I know I'm doing it for this cause, I know that's going to be the motivation that will push me to do it.

"The thing I'm not looking forward to is the heat in the costume."

She will have 30 helium balloons with messages inside and will release one to mark each mile.

Sophie can be sponsored online at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/30-for-you

Former public toilets to become a private home

FORMER public toilets on the corner of Bond Street and Weymouth Esplanade are to be converted into a home.

The toilets, previously owned by the borough council, were closed and sold for £282,000 to a Buckinghamshire family earlier in the year.

Now the local planning committee is being asked to consider an application to convert the building to a private house.



Bid to make road safer

A REDUCTION in the speed limit has been agreed for the A353 between Preston and Osmington.

The section will see a new limit of 40mph instead of the current 60mph in an attempt to improve road safety.

Twelve people died on the section of road between 2013 and

2015 – more than half of them motorcyclists.

Director Highways Andrew Martin told Dorset County councillors, who approved the new limit, that the collision history on the road justified the 40mph limit, although he said there was no guarantee that it would reduce accidents.

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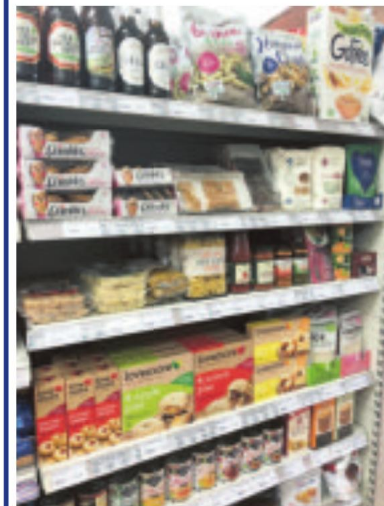
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■ CHRISTOPHER Maloney and Kristina Rihanoff

Strictly and X-Factor stars come together in Weymouth

Former Strictly Come Dancing star Kristina Rihanoff and former X-Factor contestant Christopher Maloney are bringing their new dance show to Weymouth as part of a nationwide tour.

The pair became close pals during their time in 'Celebrity Big Brother' – and now they are to appearing together in stage show 'Dance to the Music'.

The new production will showcase every genre of dance, from the roaring twenties to the present day, with plenty of sequins and surprises along the way. The production is the creation of professional dancer and choreographer Kristina, who spent eight years on Strictly.

Kristina, who became a parent with partner Ben Cohen in 2016, said: "Dance To The Music is a totally new show with some breathtaking dance routines that I hope the audience will love."

"Chris and I have kept in touch ever since we left the Big Brother house and I'm really excited about working with him. As every fan of The X Factor will know, Chris has got a fantastic singing voice, and I'm very lucky to be joined by him."

"It's a dance production like no other because it includes everything from tap and the Charleston, right through to modern Latin and Ballroom. There's even Break-Dancing and Hip-Hop!"

In addition to Christopher's vocals, Kristina will once again be paired

with her former professional dance partner Robin Windsor, who himself starred on 'Strictly' for four years. Also gracing the stage will be Oksana Platero, who partnered Judge Rinder on Series 14 of the BBC show. Oksana's husband Jonathan is also in the cast, as is top singer-songwriter Beth Sherburn.

'Dance to the Music' will take in Weymouth Pavilion on January 28th, 2018 as part of a 38-date tour.

Christopher, a former finalist on 'The X Factor', said: "I'm looking forward to having a great time in such an exciting show. Hopefully I'll get to do the odd bit of cha cha cha myself, as well as singing my heart out!"

Get behind that pudding!

THE 10th anniversary of the annual Weymouth Chase the Pudding beach event takes place this weekend.

Dozens will line up for the Sunday (17th) race, which gets underway from the Pavilion end of the beach at 11am - with a warm-up and 'Santa Stretch' from 10.45am.

The event, run over approximately 5km, will raise funds for the local Will Mackaness Trust. A "Chase the Elf" event is being held again this year for those under 14.

Runners will trot along the beach towards Greenhill and back again, chasing a Christmas Pudding. Entry fees are £10 (£15 with Santa suit included).

Many of those who had run as a pudding over the past will be back this year to mark the 10th anniversary with a pudding re-

union. Those taking part and their supporters will be entertained in the Pavilion Ocean Room by Ed Hintze playing Christmas carols. Stalls and a raffle will also be available.

Said Cllr Richard Kosior, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's Tourism and Culture spokesman, said: "The Chase the Pudding event is a real spectacle and full of fun, clearly established as a festive favourite for Weymouth."

"Local events like these help raise awareness and money for countless worthwhile charities and good causes across the borough."

Entry and registration details are available online: www.will-mackanestrust.org.uk/christmas-pudding-race

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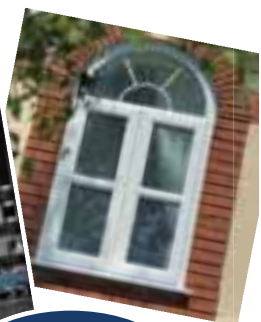
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Lifeboat carols

THE Weymouth RNLI lifeboat carol service will be held this Friday, December 15th at 7.30pm outside the lifeboat station on Nothe Parade.

The short, traditional carol service, will be conducted by the clergy from Holy Trinity Church with music from the Salvation Army Band. The Mayor of Weymouth & Portland Borough Council and the Chairman of the lifeboat branch will each give a bible reading.

C'Siders songs

THE Weymouth-based C'Siders cancer support group next meet on December 18th for Christmas carols and festive songs.

They will get together at the Wyke Smugglers at 7.30pm, where there will also be a raffle and some festive refreshments.

The group plan to next meet after Christmas on Thursday, January 4th for a skittles match and then on January 15th for a quiz night which will cost £1 to enter per person with teams of four being formed. The event will be open to family and friends.

Three choirs

A CONCERT with three choirs on Saturday in Dorchester will raise money for the family charity, HomeStart West Dorset.

Taking place in the United Church on Saturday, December 16th December at 4pm admission will be free but with a retiring collection for the charity which works with families with young children.

The event will feature carols, songs and readings with Viva! Women's Choir, Heart & Soul, Poundbury's own choir, and Skylark Children's Choir.

Doors will be open from 3.30pm.

Quiet carols

A special 'quiet' carol service is being planned this Friday, December 15th, for those who do not want, or feel unable, to be part of a crowd.

The carol service, with hymns and readings of Christmas, may be suitable for those who have been bereaved and want to remember a happier Christmas, or for those who find it difficult to sit for a whole service or cannot concentrate for an hour.

The 30-minute service will have fewer people, but with the familiar hymns and readings and all the joy of Christmas. The service is at United Church Dorchester on South Street on Friday, December 15th at 3pm.

Christmas refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards.

Twinning meeting

THE annual general meeting of the Weymouth Holzwickede Twinning Society takes place in the New Year with a call for nominations for committee posts.

The meeting takes place on Tuesday, January 23rd at 7 pm in the Council Offices on Commercial Road.

Any nominees for the Committee should be notified to fred.flack@btinternet.com by January 9th.



■ CARDS on the Tree of Hope in Cornhill

Amnesty 'Tree of Hope'

MORE than 270 cards were signed when Dorchester and District Amnesty Group held its annual "Tree of Hope" in Cornhill.

Members of the public were invited to select and sign a card for Amnesty to send to one of four beleaguered prisoners of conscience or human rights defenders.

A total of 273 cards were signed, with £212 given in voluntary contributions towards postage and other expenses. The figure represents an increase on 2016.

Of the four cases highlighted was Azza Soliman, a women's rights lawyer from Egypt. She co-founded two organisations, the Centre for

Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance, and Lawyers for Justice and Peace, to provide women in poverty and survivors of abuse with legal aid, support, and literacy lessons. She potentially faces prison herself on charges that would not exist in a country that accepted internationally-recognised standards of the rule of law.

Esmail Abdi, found guilty of offences against national security in Iran for peaceful trade union activities and sentenced to six years in prison, currently suspended, was another recipient, as were two peaceful protesters against Israeli settlements in the Palestinian Occupied Territories, Issa Amro and Farid al-Atrash. Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam, jailed for exposing human rights abuses in Sudan, was the final one of the four.

"The choices that we make each year are inevitably arbitrary. While all of these cases are individually incontestably deserving, they each stand as a representative of many similar and worse abuses. Here in the UK our own record is less good that we like to think, and there is ample room for improvement; nevertheless, we have cause to be grateful that we enjoy protection against many abuses that people in many parts of the world can only dream of.

"We are grateful to the many Dorchester residents and visitors who joined us in this show of solidarity with the oppressed, and grateful also to our volunteers who gave up their time to help at the stall," said chair of the local group, Barry Tempest.

Celebration of Christmas past

THE Ridgeway Singers and Band led by Tim Laycock and Phil Humphries will present a celebration of Christmas past and present at Winfrith this weekend.

This seasonal programme will include works from Puddletown, Durweston and Hinton St Mary manuscripts, together with newly composed carols in the West Gallery tradition.

The evening will be interspersed with some sparkling instrumental pieces and midwinter stories, plus a few Ridgeway favourites.

It takes place on Sunday, December 17th at Winfrith church, with tickets and further information from Dorchester (01305) 853783 or via www.artsreach.co.uk

Geology talks

AN evening of short geology talks is being held in the County Museum this evening, Wednesday December 13th.

The Christmas Special evening, which starts at 7pm, will include Dr John Whicher, speaking about Why Do Molluscs have Spines? and Alison Smith – Thinking with Dinosaurs: Tomorrow's World.

Dr Whicher is a retired professor of molecular pathology and experimental cancer research. His research interests were in the mechanism and consequences of the acute phase response. He is a fellow of the Geological Society, a member of the Geologists Association & an author of papers on Dorset geology and palaeontology.

Alison Smith will tell the story of her personal experience of trying, and failing, and trying again to realise an ambitious vision for 'Jurassica' – part museum, part spectacle – bringing the story of the rocks to life for a broad public audience.

Alison Smith, formerly project director of the Jurassica project, is now working with the team behind the Memo Project in a new partnership with the Eden Project to bring together the visions of two landmark projects, Jurassica and Memo, in a single development on Portland.

Alison is a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Media and Communication in Bournemouth University researching the cultures and practices of public engagement with science in informal learning institutions.

The talks are free although a donation of £3 is encouraged to cover costs.

Folk festival confirmed

THE next Wessex Folk Festival, which will take place around Weymouth Harbour, has been confirmed for next year during the first weekend in June.

The popular, free event, attracts thousands of visitors every year with its celebration of folk music and dance. There will be two outdoor stages hosting more than 30 music performances, while the streets will be brought to life by a mass of Morris dancing sides.

Curtain-raiser sessions in pubs around Weymouth will start the event off on the evening of Friday June 1st with the festival proper running throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday June 2nd and 3rd.

"We had a great festival this year, with large crowds enjoying the music and dance along the harbour side," said Festival Committee Chair, Mike Donovan. "We're already well advanced with our planning for the 2018 festival and are talking to some very exciting acts about appearing."

Musicians interested in playing at the festival still have a few days left to put in an application by visiting the website at www.wessexfolkfestival.com

The website features information about all aspects of the festival, including details of how to apply for a trade stall at the festival and how to become an event volunteer.

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SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER
4.00pm Carols by Candlelight
(followed by Hot Christmas Tea)
SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER
4.00pm Christmas (Eve) Carol Service
(followed by mince pies, tea & coffee)

Entertainment for Dorchester Strollers

GEOFF Mills, a musician from Weymouth, has given a concert for the Dorchester Strollers.

The event, at the United Church Hall, was arranged by Val Knight, Strollers Treasurer, and Janet Meachin, Strollers Leader, on a Tuesday afternoon after the usual Strollers walks.

Dorchester Strollers is an accredited Walking for Health Group offering two regular walk occasions each week, Monday mornings and Tuesday afternoons. The walks are free and led by specially trained leaders. The group is run entirely by volunteers.

Programmes can be obtained from Dorchester Tourist Information Centre, or via www.walkingforhealth.org.uk or by contacting 01305 263759 or 01300 341255.

● LONG-time walks co-ordinator for Dorchester Strollers, Sue Blake, has stepped down from the post.

A special presentation has been made to her by the Mayor, Cllr Susie Hosford, for her years of service dating back to 2003.

She will continue to organise publicity and training and lead some walks, but will no longer carry out the coordinator's role.



Primary school pupils solve the 'pignapper' mystery



■ THE young scientists get to grips with their challenges



YEAR 3 Scientists and crime fighters from local schools congregated at the Wey Valley School to solve a fiendish mystery straight from the casebook of Sherlock Holmes.

The pupils were invited to use their skills in science to narrow down a range of shifty suspects to eventually identify The Guinea Pig Kidnapper.

The Wey Valley Science team of Jo Oxley, Dave Fitzsimons and Liz Newnham devised and delivered the sessions to more than 200 pupils from St Nicholas & St Laurence, Radipole, Bincombe Valley, St John's and St Andrew's Primary schools.

Head of Science, Elizabeth Foulsham said: "Our technicians were superb. They designed and resourced the activities and the feedback from our local primaries has been outstanding. The children loved the activities and the chance to meet our range of small animals."

After the science mystery workshop, year 3 pupils received a tennis coaching session at the school's indoor tennis centre with tennis coaches Ryan Bissett and Matthew Eaton.

Tennis Liaison Officer Ryan Matthews congratulated the year 3 pupils who all performed well with the racquet. He said: "The coaching sessions went really well with some future tennis stars in the making. We are so pleased to see so many youngsters trying out tennis with a number registering interest with our after school coaching programmes and holiday camps."

Mrs Wislockie from St Nicholas & St Laurence Primary School said: "It has been amazing and the children have really enjoyed both the science and the tennis. The science teachers did a fantastic job in keeping the children's attention for so long and putting together lots of fun activities and then seeing the animals."



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Christmas can offer fraudsters increased opportunities to trick people. Unfortunately fraud is often targeted at vulnerable and elderly members of the community.

Fraudsters are cunning in their tactics and it is not always easy or obvious to tell straight away whether it is a scam. Fraud can be conducted in many ways, some of the most common are cyber-crime, telephone scams and doorstep crime such as distraction burglary and rogue traders.

Detective Inspector Neil Wright, from the Volume Crime Team, said: "One of the most important things you can do this festive period is make yourself aware of common fraud trends and then simply talk to and educate friends, relatives and neighbours, so they know how to protect themselves from becoming victims."

"People often feel embarrassed about being a victim of fraud, but there is no reason to be. It can happen to anyone as fraudsters are clever and extremely manipulative. Please ensure you report fraud or attempted scams as it helps us to understand the new trends and techniques being used by criminals so that we can work to combat them, as well as warn others before they become victims."

Action Fraud is nationally responsible for the assessment of all reports of fraud and ensures that reports reach the right place. Action Fraud should be your first point of contact if you or someone you know has been a victim. Call 0300 123 2040 or visit www.actionfraud.org.uk

Visit www.dorset.police.uk/thischristmas for fraud crime prevention information and more safety advice throughout the festive period.

Council to invest £1m in new social workers

COUNCILLORS have agreed to invest £1m to recruit an additional 20 experienced children's social workers in Dorset.

Dorset County Council needs more social workers to help reduce the number of children in care and bring down caseloads for existing staff, so they can focus more on changing families' lives.

Like most of the country, Dorset is seeing increasing demand for children's social care and is tackling this by focusing its efforts more on prevention and early help.

Members of the Cabinet agreed to fund the additional jobs. Cllr Steve Butler, Cabinet member for children's services, said: "It's right that we're investing additional money into recruiting more children's social workers. If we want to reduce the number of children going into care, we need to give our staff more time to work closely with families so they can really make a difference. The more social workers we have, the more manageable our caseloads will become, meaning there's more time to change children's lives for the better."

The council has also been



awarded £2m from the Department for Education to fund a unique learning and development programme aimed at its children's social work teams.

Called Reinvigorating Social Work, it's about helping social workers build relationships that will make a positive difference to children and families who need help.

Cllr Butler added: "Investing

time and resources into our social workers' development will mean better outcomes for children across the county – which is ultimately what this is all about."

● You can find out more about Reinvigorating Social Work and see the latest vacancies at www.dorsetforyou.com/social-work-jobs

New apprentices

DORSET County Council is set to take on six new apprentices by the end of the year as part of its drive to increase the scheme.

Already this year, 37 apprentices started with the council in a variety of roles, including jobs in highway, libraries, transport planning, administration and countryside services.

This is a 76 per cent increase in the number of apprentices working their way towards national qualifications compared to 2016, and the council expect the number to increase further over the next year as more vacancies are being turned into apprenticeships and staff are given opportunities to develop new skills.

The Government's vision is to increase the quality and quantity of apprenticeships in England to three million by 2020, and has allocated 2.5bn to achieve the goal.

The money will be spent on the training required for apprentices and should encourage employers to take on more people in jobs working towards recognised qualifications.

Deborah Croney, Cabinet member for economy, education, learning and skills, said: "Nationally there has been a sharp decline in the number of apprentices, but the council is bucking the trend and using changes introduced by the Government through the apprenticeship levy to maximise jobs and training opportunities."

"Our apprenticeship scheme offers people the opportunity to learn new skills and gain valuable work experience that they need for the future."

"Not only does it offer a clear career path to young people, but it also gives staff and adults returning to work an opportunity to change career, or progress with additional training in their chosen field."

"Our workforce is our greatest asset, and we are committed to invest and create more opportunities both for our existing staff and new people to train on the job."

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DAVID MANNERS came to art only in 2012 and despite his short time painting, his reputation for his peaceful seascapes and tranquil portraits is much sought after and growing rapidly. So much so, he has completed a portrait commission of the 2015 "Bake Off" champion Nadiya Hussain and her husband and also for the cover of a book by leading animal rights barrister, Noel Sweeney. The acclaimed artist has had the privilege of painting a portrait of President Obama and the First Lady, which he received a letter of accreditation for from the White House.

Entirely self-taught and painting only in oils, he is particularly inspired by the sea and how people and animals interact with it.

"I love the idea of the anonymous rear view portrait. The viewer can decide who the person is and where they are. I don't particularly like to have to explain what a painting is all about. I simply enjoy painting images of peace and tranquillity".

His popular style has already led him to open a gallery in Wilmington, North Carolina, another in Durango, Mexico and has had exhibitions at the Louisville Visual Art Association, Kentucky, the Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam and in Chelsea Old Town Hall in London.

Having exhibited in the UK, Europe and the Americas, he undertakes affordable commissioned paintings of all subjects, offering a high quality framing service to suit the needs of the client and their home.

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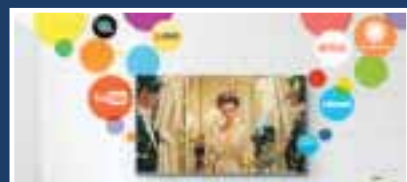
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Car driven at staff on nightclub door

A DORSET teenager has been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder after a car was driven at nightclub doorstaff.

Dorset Police received a report at 2.19am on Tuesday, December 12th, of a serious assault outside Halo nightclub on Exeter Road in Bournemouth between staff members and two men.

It was reported that a short time before the assault took place, the two men had an altercation with staff members of the nightclub before leaving the area.

The two men then allegedly returned to the nightclub in a black Vauxhall Corsa and drove directly at staff members.

The road was closed from Gervis Place to the nightclub and a cordon put in place to allow officers to thoroughly examine the scene.

As a result of the incident three men have sustained injuries which are not believed to be life-threatening or life-changing.

A 19-year-old man from Blandford has been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder and a driving offence. A 21-year-old Poole man has been arrested on suspicion of assault. They are both currently assisting officers with their enquiries.

More police on the streets

THERE is going to be a stronger police presence in Dorset this Christmas.

Armed officers are being deployed to patrol key locations, although the public are not being told where.

Dorset Police stress the decision is not in response to an increase in threat level or a reaction to any specific threat.

Armed officers will be carrying long armed weapons and will also have support from the dog unit.

Chief Superintendent Jim Nye said: "We've taken a decision over this festive period to make sure the public are reassured by having armed officers patrol key events. So it's about reassurance, it's not to scare anyone."

New Year's Eve buses

MORE New Year's Eve party goers in Weymouth will be able to get home by bus. Weymouth BID has been in talks with First Bus Dorset about providing an extended service in the early hours of New Year's Day.

Steve Newstead, said "We're delighted to be working with First Group to offer this special New Year's Eve service. It's great that First passengers will have buses running late into the night as the town celebrates the New Year. By offering this alternative travel option, we hope that it'll encourage revellers to leave their cars at home if they're having a drink, as well as giving them a safer option opposed to walking."

New lighting scheme to bring the 'magic' back to Weymouth

PLANS to create a new seafront lighting scheme for Weymouth Promenade have moved a step closer following a series of public engagement events and a design brief inviting artists to express interest in designing the new scheme.

The design brief has been approved this morning by Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's Management Committee.

Weymouth residents and visitors were invited to express their feeling through a questionnaire on the existing lighting scheme and how the look and feel of the lighting could be improved. The engagement sessions were run by Dorset Coast Forum, an independent strategic coastal partnership which is coordinating a portfolio of 18 projects including the Weymouth Promenade Lighting project; all 18 have received funding from the Coastal Communities Fund, and have community input at their heart.

Over 880 people completed the questionnaire either at one of the four engagement sessions or on-line. Forty-two per cent of people who responded said they like 'fairy' or traditional catenary lights because they are colourful, warm, welcoming, traditional and that people have an emotional attachment to this type of lighting. Other design features people said they would like to see included in the new scheme were; cost-effective, environmentally friendly lighting, LED technology, and the lighting should fit in with the heritage and Georgian architecture of the sea front.

Dorset Coastal Connections Project Officer

Nikki Parker-Goadsby said: "We were delighted to see that so many people came along to the engagement events, or gave their views through the website. The community's ideas, thoughts and preferences are now outlined in the design brief with the next exciting step being to commission an artist to create a new scheme that meets the aspirations of the Weymouth community".

Since the community engagement in Aug-Oct 2017 the project team have been researching the technical aspects of lighting along the seafront; and it has now been confirmed that the County Council owned street lighting columns along the esplanade are unable to take the weight of a catenary lighting system. Also, the promenade's status as a Conservation Area means that additional 'clutter' must be kept to a minimum. The new lighting scheme must complement the existing promenade lighting and any alterations to the existing scheme are beyond the scope of this project.

Nicky Whittenham, Founding Director of Bounce Back Arts who will be coordinating the commissioning of an artist said;

"I think it's a great, creative solution to use modern, lightweight technology in celebration of the promenade's heritage, which evokes the atmosphere, views and image that people feel was lost when the old fairy lights went. I feel confident that the artist's creative journey - taken in an ongoing partnership with the local community - will result in a beautiful and joyful scheme to be enjoyed by all, and which once more secures the prom's

position as the jewel in Weymouth's crown."

The design brief was approved by the Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's Management Committee on December 12th (the call-in period will end on December 21st after which the decision taken by the committee is confirmed).

Cllr Richard Kosior, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's Briefholder for Tourism, Culture and Harbour, said: "I'd like to thank all residents who took the time to attend one of the drop in sessions or had their say online. After today's approval at the Management Committee we look forward to appointing a designer to work up exciting, detailed proposals for the new lighting scheme for Weymouth's historic seafront. The chosen artist will be working closely with the relevant engineering departments who have the expertise, experience and local knowledge to ensure a correct and timely installation."

The successful artist will join the Project Team in April 2018 and will reach out to the community again for their involvement in helping to shape the final design. The agreed design will likely be subject to planning permission, and once this is secured and appropriate contractors are in place, final installation of the scheme is planned for spring 2019.

Further information and the full Weymouth Seafront Lighting Community Consultation report can be viewed on the Dorset Coastal Connections Engagement website <http://www.dorsetcoasthaveyoursay.co.uk/weymouth-promenade-lighting>

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IN THE last 50 years road casualties caused by drink driving have fallen dramatically, but in 2014, there were still 240 deaths due to drink driving - accounting for 14% of all road fatalities. By drinking and driving, you risk your life, those of your passengers and others on the road.

Any amount of alcohol affects your ability to drive.

THE LAW

There are strict alcohol limits for UK drivers:

In England, Wales and Northern Ireland, the legal alcohol limit for drivers is:

- 35 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath
- 80 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood
- 107 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine

In Scotland (from 5 December 2014) the legal alcohol limit for drivers is lower at:

- 22 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath
- 50 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood
- 67 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine.

However it is not possible to say how much alcohol you can drink and stay below the limit. The way alcohol affects you depends on:

- Your weight, age, sex and metabolism (the rate your body uses energy)
- The type and amount of alcohol you're drinking
- What you've eaten recently
- Your stress levels at the time

So if you're driving, it's better to have none for the road.

DRINK DRIVING

- Don't drink and drive, the only safe limit is none.
- You can still be over the limit the morning after.
- Drink and drug driving does cost lives.
- Get caught drink driving and you will be treated like any other criminal.
- A drink driving conviction will stay on your licence for 11 years.
- Program a phone number for a licensed taxi company into your mobile phone before you go out.
- If you are caught drink driving you will be required to attend court where you could face a fine, be banned from driving or imprisoned.

THE CONSEQUENCES

There are strict penalties - if you are convicted of drink driving, including:

- A minimum 12 month driving ban
- A criminal record
- A hefty fine
- An endorsement on your license for 11 years

However, this list does not reflect the everyday consequences of being caught drink driving which can include:

- Increase in car insurance costs
- Job loss
- Trouble getting in to countries like the USA
- The shame of having a criminal record
- Loss of independence

The Institute of Advanced Motorists calculate that a drink drive conviction could cost between £20,000 - £50,000 as a result of fines, solicitors fees, increase in car insurance and loss of job.

Don't Drink & Drive

THINK! Advice

Beware the morning after

You could be over the legal limit many hours after your last drink, even if it's the 'morning after'. Sleep, coffee and cold showers don't help to sober you up - time is the only way to get alcohol out of your system.

There is no excuse for drink driving

"I can handle my drink."

Alcohol affects everybody's driving for the worse. It creates a feeling of overconfidence, makes judging distance and speed more difficult and slows your reactions so it takes longer to stop "I'm only going down the road."

A large proportion of all drink drive crashes occur within three miles of the start of the journey.

If you're planning to drink alcohol, plan how to get home without driving

Options include agreeing on a designated driver, saving a taxi number to your phone, or finding out about public transport routes and times before you go out.

Don't offer an alcoholic drink to someone you know is planning to drive

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Come-and-Sing event is a great success

THE New Elizabethan Singers, conducted by Matt Kingston and accompanied by organist Nick Brown, hosted a Come-and-Sing performance of selected choruses and solos from Handel's 'Messiah' on Saturday, December 9th in St. Mary's Church, Bridport as a fundraiser in aid of repairs to the church roof.

123 singers, some from as far away as Exeter, paid to take part and joined in with enthusiasm, gusto and various degrees of skill and experience. Some were long-standing choristers, some hadn't sung in years, some had never sung in a choir before. After two hours of rehearsals (and tea and cakes), the choir performed to a nearly full-house in the church. The performance included additional solos by guest singer Emily Hicks and NES members Shelagh Ball, Larah Cottle and John Simpson. The clearly appreciative audience contributed generously to the roof-fund collection and, in all, some £1500 was raised during the event.

The New Elizabethan Singers' next concert will be on January 27th in St. Swithun's Church, when they will sing 'Seven Last Words From The Cross' by Paul Carr, 'Magnificat' by Vivaldi and 'Totus Tuus' by Henryk Górecki. It starts at 7.00pm, a little earlier than usual.

■ The packed out St Mary's Church



Teddy Thompson to play at the Marine Theatre

SON OF legendary folk musicians Linda and Richard Thompson, Teddy is an acclaimed singer-songwriter with a career that has consistently attracted critical praise. His music is part folk and part pop. The New York Times calls his work "beautifully finessed." Teddy released his first, self titled album in 2000.

In 2002, Thompson played a key role in drawing his mother out of a 17-year musical retirement to record her landmark disc 'Fashionably Late', which he played on and co-produced.

In 2008, Thompson released the upbeat and highly acclaimed, 'A Piece of What You Need', which was declared "one of this year's best" by The Guardian and debuted at #9 in the UK's pop charts. A fifth album, 'Bella', was released February 2011 to much acclaim and led to touring the world with Elton John among other things.

In 2014 Thompson gathered his musical clan to release 'Family', one of the folk records of the year which garnered a multi

page, in depth piece from The New York Times.

This is an unusual opportunity to hear Teddy Thompson perform in a small venue.

Teddy Thompson plays at the Marine Theatre on Wednesday, January 31st at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 in advance, or £17 on the door. Advance tickets are available by calling 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com



■ Teddy Thompson

A festive musical treat as Dylan Thomas's Christmas favourite comes to Dorchester



■ Mark Tattersall

JOIN Dorchester Arts on Sunday, December 17th for a festive musical treat, featuring one of the UK's best-loved Christmas stories. Dylan Thomas's 'A Child's Christmas in Wales' has been adapted for string quartet and narrator by composers Adam and Charlotte Caird. The music adds a whole new dimension to this classic evocation of Christmas and childhood.

The Ligeti Quartet and joined by narrator Mark Tattersall, Artistic Director of Dorchester Arts: "This story has been part of my life for as long as I can remember. My mother was Welsh and Christmas was never complete without the family gathering to listen to our old vinyl record of Dylan himself narrating this funny, gentle and brilliantly poetic story. The new musical arrangement is wonderful – the mixture of sound effects and string melodies really brings the story to life".

The first part of the concert features two fascinating pieces of music from this brilliant Quartet. In the extraordinary Sunjata's Time, Malian composer Fodé Lassana Diabaté magically blends the rich musical heritage of West Africa with the sounds of the western string quartet. Stef Conner's Singing Strings is a four-way conversation between voices and instruments.

'A Child's Christmas In Wales' and other pieces, performed by The Ligeti Quartet, and narrated by Mark Tattersall, comes to Dorchester Corn Exchange on Sunday, December 17th at 3pm.

Tickets are £16 full price or £14 for Members of Dorchester Arts, under-18s or those on low income, and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk. Members of Live for 5 aged 14 - 25 can buy tickets for £5 (see Dorchester Arts website for details).

Make sure you're full of seasonal cheer with The Christmas Show of Christmassy Christmassness!

Just to make sure that you're well and truly in the Christmas spirit, head to Dorchester Arts in the first week of the winter holidays with The Christmassy Christmas Show of Christmassy Christmassness on Wednesday, December 20th.

Squashbox Theatre's new show is a celebration of everything Christmassy, from fir trees, fairy lights, sleigh bells and snowflakes to crackers, carols, presents and puddings!

Meet a snowman who lives in the fridge, try and spot some naughty elves, play hunt the brussel sprout, endure the world's worst Christmas jumper and gaze at the "beautiful" Christmas fairy...

Learn about Yuletide traditions old and new, hear the story of the first Christmas Tree and even explore some festive science.

The Christmassy Christmas Show of Christmassy Christmassness is an

over-stuffed stocking of seasonal surprises crammed with puppets, songs, quizzes and comedy, and overflowing with crazy characters, silly slapstick, tall tales and fantastic facts - all presented in that unique Squashbox style!

Tickets are £6 full price or £20 for a family ticket (max. 2 adults), and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

Live **Gigs**

Thursday 14 December
Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis
Bye Bye Baby: A celebration of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons
7.30pm. £19

Friday 15 December
Arts Centre, Bridport
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8.00pm. £16/£13

Saturday 16 December
Crown Inn, Bridport
The Cadence
9.30pm. Free

Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar 8pm. Free entry

Saturday 23 December
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9.30pm. Free

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Bernardo plays continental guitar 8pm. Free entry

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Your guide to local live music

TRANSMISSION

Jazz Jurassica will banish your winter blues

JAZZ JURASSICA, the Lyme-based supper club, will see in the New Year with an exciting new programme at Marine Theatre, whilst it's usual haunt, The Bay, is undergoing renovation.

The forthcoming season will again welcome a wealth of talent starting with Leigh Coleman with Matt Carter Trio

(January 13), Maggie Reeday Quartet (February 10) and Duncan Anselm Quartet with guitar genius, Nigel Price (March 10).

Back by popular demand, Leigh Coleman and Matt Carter return to Jazz Jurassica in January after their sell out appearance in 2016.

Leigh Coleman, aka "Soul-

man Coleman", has worked with the likes of Joss Stone, Beverley Knight and the legendary Betty Wright in the States. He's one of the most passionate jazz funk singers around, equally at ease with swinging Sinatra-style classics or the get-down boogies of Stevie Wonder.

Matt Carter is the keyboard wizard and bandleader, whose dynamic jazz trio and creative arrangements result in an effortless classy chemistry with Leigh's vocals. He's recently moved to London to take up a place at the Royal Academy of Music so his appearance back on his home turf is particularly welcome.

Julie Sheppard, Jazz Jurassica director said, "We're really looking forward to hosting our events at Marine Theatre, which is a truly magical venue. Dottie Kitchen will be providing us with

■ Leigh Coleman



a delicious 2-course supper – so, great music, fabulous food for an inclusive ticket price. Because these events have sold out in the past we'd advise customers to book in ad-

vance to secure a table".

Tickets are available from <http://bit.ly/2pxFWXS> or from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138.



■ Nigel Price



■ Maggie Reeday

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Lost folk star Shirley Collins at Bridport music festival

'LOST' folk singing star Shirley Collins will be the special guest at an acclaimed documentary being shown at Bridport's Electric Palace on Saturday, December 23rd at 2pm.

The Ballad of Shirley Collins, which had its world premiere at the 2017 BFI London Film Festival, will be followed by a special Q&A with the singer and the film's producer, Paul Williams.

It's all part of Bridport Winter Solstice Festival at the Palace, which sees The Dhol Foundation hosting a Bollywood Night on the shortest day – Thursday, December 21st – and folk sensations Show of Hands going back to their Wessex roots on Friday, December 22nd.

Alongside her sister Dolly, Shirley stood at the epicentre of the folk music revival during the 1960s and 1970s. But in 1980 she developed a disorder of the vocal chords known as dysphonia, which robbed her of her unique singing voice and forced her into early retirement.

Says reviewer Cath Clarke in *The Guardian*: "In a tale of treachery and tragedy straight out of a ballad, the English folk singer Shirley Collins dramatically lost her voice on stage in the late 70s.

"Her husband had just her left for another woman, who'd taken

to showing up at Collins's gigs – rubbing salt in the wounds by wearing the offending ex's jumpers."

Humiliated, Collins opened her mouth but nothing came out.

'He undid me. I should have got angry, but I got heartbroken,' she explains in this portrait of the artist as an older and wiser woman.

Diagnosed with dysphonia, Collins dropped off the folk map until, aged 82, she released a comeback album, *Lodestar*, last year.

With the help of old letters, yellowing photos, audio recordings and old home-movie footage, Collins recalls her life – with additional interviews by adoring young folk singers, plus comedian Stewart Lee.

"I like lots of different music and Shirley's in the top ten of all artists for me, irrespective of what they're supposed to be classified as," he says.

Shirley told an interviewer: "Singing English folk songs is as crucial to me as walking the Sussex landscape, where the footprints of our ancestors are everywhere.

"When I sing, I feel past generations standing behind me – and I hope I'm a conduit for them – those farm labourers and their wives who kept the songs going for us.

"The songs are social history

and their beauty and power undeniable."

Rob Curry and Tim Plester's documentary sets out to explore the story behind the icon, and chronicles Shirley's battle, at the grand old age of 80, to rediscover that voice she lost so many years previously.

The film offsets this contemporary journey with a more literal one taken from the other end of her life, and makes fertile use of authentic 1959 audio-archive to recount the tale of Shirley's seminal road-trip around America's Deep South alongside her then-

lover (and pre-eminent ethnomusicologist) Alan Lomax.

The film eschews a straightforward biopic approach and mindfully sidesteps any 'rockumentary' talking-heads. Instead, the filmmakers offer a meditative and richly-textured piece of portraiture, one which uses Shirley's story as a prism through which to explore and reflect upon themes of heritage, posterity and the true ancestral melodies of the people.

Tickets are available in advance and on the door at £6.50 each. For more details, visit electricpalace.org.uk

■ Shirley Collins



Complimentary film screening at the Marine Theatre next week

THERE is a complimentary screening of the Christmas classic *It's a Wonderful Life* on December 20th at the Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served. The arts venue is providing the event free of charge as a gift to the local community of Lyme Regis.

The Frank Capra film is about an angel that is sent from Heaven to help a desperately frustrated businessman played by James Stewart. The angel shows him what life would have been like if he had never existed.

Gabby said "I have always loved this film, and I hope that families will come and enjoy this complimentary event. As we anticipate the screening to be very popular, we ask those wishing to attend to collect their free tickets in advance from the Marine Theatre or Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre to avoid missing out."

The *It's a Wonderful Life* - Complimentary Screening takes place at the Marine Theatre on Wednesday, December 20th at 7:30 pm. Tickets available from marinetheatre.com and Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre



Marine Theatre seeking local musicians



THE Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis is looking for local musicians and DJs to perform at the theatre for its 2018 programme.

There are concerts being scheduled featuring many genres of music including classical, folk, reggae, and pop. There are opportunities for local musicians to support well known acts. For example, the

acclaimed singer Cara Dillon is performing in February, and there is a slot for a local singer-songwriter to warm-up.

The venue is also looking for bands and singers to perform their own standalone gigs in the bar and auditorium.

Gabby Rabbitts, director of the Marine Theatre, said "We would like to support local mu-

sicians wherever we can. There are a lot of talented musicians in Dorset and Devon, and we would like to see them at the theatre".

Musicians wishing to apply should email a link to live footage and a brief biography with highlights to marketing@marinetheatre.com

Voices of the Sea

FOLLOWING a sell-out performance earlier this year, artist and boat builder Gail McGarva will again be performing her production 'Voices of the Sea' on Sunday, December 17th at the Marine Theatre.

This unusual and atmospheric performance piece will draw you into a captivating world inhabited by characters such as the salt-ridden sailor, the lonely lighthouse keeper and the mischievous mermaid. Devised by Gail McGarva, traditional wooden boat builder from Lyme Regis, and inspired by her love of the sea, the piece features beautiful original songs with haunting harmonies along with fragments of narrative, performed by the Sea Chorus, a group of local singers brought together especially for this project. Alongside the performance and outside the theatre, audience members can visit the Story Boat, a miniature maritime memories museum created by Gail from an upturned Dorset fishing boat from 1923.

Voices of the Sea will be performed at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis this Sunday, December 17th. Doors open 7pm, and Gail McGarva will give an introductory talk from 7.15pm. The performance will begin at 8pm.

Tickets are £10 and £8 for concessions, available online at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01297 442138.



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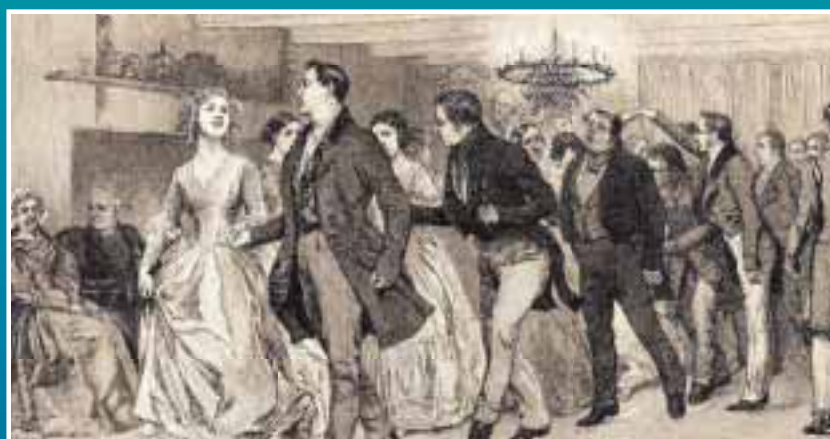
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Flappers, Dappers, Foxtrots & Lindy Hops

STEP back to the glitz and glamour of the 1920s on Saturday, December 16th, when the fabulous surrounds of The Lyric Theatre will set the scene of the prohibition era, in a decadent night of vintage opulence for The Lyric Prohibition Party!

Tickets are selling like hot cakes so don't miss out on yours for this jolly big knees up, wrapping up 2017 in style, available from Bridport Tourist Information Centre (01308 424901) and Bearkat Bistro.

The Roaring Twenties was a period of social, artistic and cultural dynamism. The Jazz Age blossomed, the flapper redefined the modern look for women, and the rise of the Speakeasy flourished across the nation. To evoke the spirit of the era, The Gatsby Gang will deliver the best of 1920s jazz, guaranteed to get the chandeliers swinging! Sassy vocalist Rachael Roberts is backed by an all-star cast featuring the legendary Tony Roberts (saxophone/clarinet), Richard Llewellyn (guitar), James Budden (double bass) and Marc Juan (percussion).

DJ Professor Purblind (from the Gaslight Troubadours) spins the best of electro-swing to keep the dance floor jumping - and... is that a gramophone he's playing?!

Flaming Feathers dancer Victoria Hole, who recently led a sell-out Charleston workshop at the Lyric, will be on hand to inspire our inner flapper and dapper, as she demonstrates dances of the era.

From the moment guests arrive on the red carpet, photographer Simon Emmett will be snapping reportage-style the stylish party goers who've dressed to impress. 'Fancy' dress is encouraged but not essential; there will be a prize for the best dressed!

Performer Toby Gascoigne will compere the evening in his inimitable style (some of you may remember The Wahos from The Lyric's festive event a few years ago - Toby was the highly watchable frontman).

The speakeasy bar will be sure to quench your festive thirsts with a range of quaffable delights including cock-

tails, fizz and liquor. So round up a group and come celebrate the festive season in fabulous style! Perfect for your Christmas do, whether work or social!

Tickets are £15 in advance or £17 on the door (unless sold out), available from Bridport Tourist Information Centre: 01308 424901 / online at www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk, and in person at BearKat Bistro. The event starts at 8pm.



Rachael Gatsby

Step back to the roaring 20s at The Lyric this season

Diary Dates

UNTIL WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13TH

LYME REGIS: In perfect timing for holiday shopping, the Town Mill's Malthouse Gallery will be full of festive paintings, sculptures, photographs, drawings, pottery, textiles, jewellery and books by local artists who are members of Town Mill Arts in their annual Winter Art Fair. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

UNTIL TUESDAY JAN 2ND

LYME REGIS: The seventh annual Pop-Up Vintage store will be selling all kinds of vintage, retro and crafted items for that perfect unusual Christmas gift. Books, clothes, toys, accessories, needlework supplies, home-ware and much much more are available at attractive prices. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13TH

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 281882.

WEYMOUTH: Community Orchestra Christmas Concert at St John's Church, 7.30pm. Free entry, retiring collection. Mince pies and refreshments will be served during the interval. Parking is available in local car parks.

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society Pre-Christmas Social, at Uplyme Village Hall. The event begins at 7.30pm - there will be a seed swap, bulb planting and a Bring and Share Supper. Come along, bring your spare seeds, pay your subscription for 2018 and collect your copy of the Events leaflet, and meet your fellow members for a convivial evening.

DORCHESTER: Film 'Young at Heart' showing at the Evergreens Cinema, Age UK Dorchester, Prince of Wales Road. Lights will dim at 1.45pm. Tea and mince pies served during the showing for £1.50, ice creams also available. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 269444.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 14TH

LYME REGIS: Bye Bye Baby - a celebration of the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, all tickets £19. Book at www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138.

DORCHESTER: Thursday Group Christmas meeting at St George's Hall, Fordington. 2.15pm-4pm. Carols and songs, brain-teasing quiz, and a raffle. Meet with friends over a cup of tea and a mince pie. Entry £1.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 15TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 281882.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 281882.

LYME REGIS: Comedy: Fern Brady, 8pm. £16/£14 (concs) Book at www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138.

BRIDPORT: Festive Cheer from Bridport Choral Society. An evening of Christmas music at St Swithun's Church, at 7.30pm. Tickets £8, under 16s £4 (price includes mince pies and mulled wine), available from Bridport Music or on the door.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16TH

WEYMOUTH: Weymouth Choral Society present 'Tidings of Joy!' at St John's Church, DT4 7SS. A seasonal concert for all the family, with special guests Weymouth Concert Brass. Tickets £10 (free for under 16s), available from Harmony Music (Dorchester) 01305 260360, Weymouth Pavilion 01308 783225, or on the door.

ABBOTSBURY: A festive afternoon with Quangle Wangle Choir at St Nicholas Church, 3-4pm. Tickets £7 adults, £5 children (to include festive refreshments). For more details call 01305 871532 or buy on the door.

BOTHENHAMPTON: Film: 'Whiskey Galore' at Bothenhampton Village Hall. Starts 7.30pm. £4 for film club members, £5 for everybody else. For more details call 01308 423071.

SAT DECEMBER 16TH - TUE JANUARY 2ND

LYME REGIS: Unwrapped is a holiday show of inspiring handmade arts and crafts made in the southwest and ideal for Christmas presents. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

SUNDAY DECEMBER 17TH

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LODERS: Ballroom & Latin Social Dance evening every Sunday 8pm - 10.30pm Lodgers Village Hall DT6 3SA

LYME REGIS: Voices of the Sea is an atmospheric performance piece devised by Gail

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McGarva, traditional wooden boat builder from Lyme Regis. Inspired by her love of the sea, the piece features beautiful original songs with haunting harmonies along with fragments of narrative, performed by the Sea Chorus, a group of local singers brought together for this project. Alongside the performance and outside the theatre, audience members can visit the Story Boat, a miniature maritime memories museum created by Gail from an upturned Dorset fishing boat. Tickets £10 from TIC or www.marinetheatre.com; 7.00pm, The Marine Theatre.

MONDAY DECEMBER 18TH

WYKE REGIS: Beginners Ballroom/Latin Class Every Monday 8pm - 9.20pm Wyke Regis Memorial Hall DT4 9EX

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 281882.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club meets at 7.30 - 9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, for its Christmas party night and weekly dose of dancing in a variety of genre as selected by guest caller Gill Spence with live music provided by Jeroka. No partner is needed and all are welcome regardless of experience - all dances will be talked and walked through and called throughout. Bring a small plate of suitable nibbles to share. Entry £3 for members (membership £3 per year) or £4 for visitors. Call Monty on 01308 423 442 for more information.

LYME REGIS: Join in the celebratory farewell to the Story Boat and its candlelit procession from the Marine Theatre to the Cobb. From 5.30pm, the Marine Bar will be open with warming mulled wine and live music from the Story Boat. The procession will start at 6.30pm, heading along the Cart Road to the Cobb, arriving at the harbour around 7.15pm with mince pies at the Harbour Inn, courtesy of the landlord.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20TH

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 281882.

LYME REGIS: Cinema: It's Wonderful Life, 7.30pm, free entry, Complimentary screening for the community, with Christmas treats on offer.

EYPE, BRIDPORT: The Arts Society: 'The Cat & The Fiddle: Musical Humour' an illustrated talk by Jeremy Barlow. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2pm for 2.30pm. Non-members welcome, £7.50.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 21ST

LYME REGIS: Cinema double-bill: 2.30pm, £2.50 on the Door, The Snowman and Father Christmas - Heartwarming family favourites back-to-back, with mince pies and mulled wine in the interval.

THURSDAY JANUARY 4TH

BRIDPORT: Come and join our Community Coffee morning in St. Swithun's Church Hall, Allington DT6 5DX, where fresh coffee and homemade cakes are served free of charge. Make some new friends and enjoy yourself. The event takes place on the first Thursday of every month between 10.45am & 11.45am

DORCHESTER: West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship meeting at 2pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, DT1 2RZ when Lucy Hooper will give a talk on The Dogs' Trust.

SATURDAY JANUARY 6TH

BRIDPORT: Celebrate Twelfth Night with music by Tinker's Cuss Band and other local entertainment, at Bridport Town Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £7 (members £6), to include seasonal food and drink. There will also be a raffle, with proceeds to Bridport Millennium Green. To book your ticket call 01308 425037 or 01308 423078.

MONDAY JANUARY 8TH

BEAMINSTER: Film: 'Dunkirk' at Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets at yarn Barton 01308 862715 (weekdays 9.30-12.30 and Saturdays 9.30-1pm) or call 01308 861746. £5 in advance, or £5.50 on the door.

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THURSDAY JANUARY 18TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport & District Gardening Club talk. A speaker from Groves Nursery will give a Gardener's Question & Answer session. 7.30pm at Womens Institute Hall, North Street.

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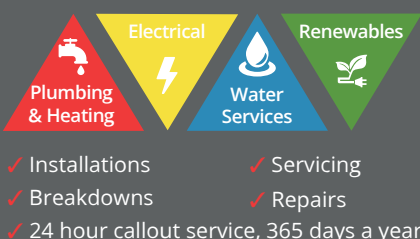
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New limited edition Mazda MX-5 Z-Sport on sale from 1st March 2018

MAZDA will bring a burst of colour to the MX-5 range next spring with the launch of the new Z-Sport special edition. On sale from the 1st March, this exclusive model will stand-out thanks to its deep cherry red fabric hood, 17-inch black BBS wheels, and free-of-charge Machine Grey Metallic paint.

Inside, the stand-out feel continues with Sand Leather seats, plus Z-Sport floor mats and scuff plates. While to further highlight its uniqueness, each car comes with an individually numbered Z-Sport plaque on the dash. Exclusive to the UK and limited to just 300 cars, thanks to being based on the 2.0-litre 160ps Sport Nav, the £25,595 Z-Sport features a limited slip differential, Bilstein dampers and a strut brace to ensure it has the dynamic

excellence to match its sporty exterior looks.

With the distinctive look you'd expect of an MX-5 special model, the Z-Sport continues the trend of offering sports car customers a striking and exclusive car at an affordable price. The second MX-5 to wear the Z-Sport badge, the latest car revisits a name last used on the third-generation MX-5 in 2007. A 2.0-litre model with 17-inch BBS wheels, Stone Leather seats and Radiant Ebony Mica paint, the last Z-Sport's cabin featured brushed aluminium dash inserts, alloy pedals and coordinated stitching on the steering wheel, gear knob and handbrake. With just 400 examples sold, the 2007 Z-Sport shared the exclusivity of next year's new

Z-Sport MX-5.

Representing the first chance to buy a current-generation MX-5 convertible with an alternatively coloured fabric roof, the Z-Sport provides customers with exterior differentiation through its unique colour hood. Commenting on the launch of the new MX-5 Z-Sport, Jeremy Thomson, Managing Director Mazda Motors UK said, "the MX-5's new cherry coloured roof was shown for the first time in public at the recent Tokyo Motor Show where it received a very positive reception. I'm delighted that we can bring it to UK MX-5 buyers as part of the exciting Z-Sport limited edition model."

Adding, "We've had a long tradition of producing distinctive limited edition MX-

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WEYMOUTH	22	15	44
Tiverton Town	23	4	44
Hereford	18	33	42
Slough Town	17	29	38
Hitchin Town	22	-1	37
Barnbury Utd	22	16	35
St Neots Town	23	4	35
Frome Town	22	2	34
Chesham Utd	22	15	33
Redditch Utd	21	12	32
Biggleswade Town	23	1	32
Royston Town	19	-2	30
Stratford Town	22	-3	30
Merthyr Town	23	13	27
Bishops Cleeve	23	2	26
Farnborough	22	-6	25
Basingstoke Town	21	6	24
DORCHESTER TOWN	22	-23	20
Kings Langley	23	-19	18
St Ives Town	17	26	13
Gosport Borough	20	-48	7
Dunstable Town	23	-55	6

Wessex Premier	Pld	Pts
Andover Town	22	58
Blackfield & Langley	23	48
Lymington Town	22	41
Alresford Town	24	40
Hamworthy Utd	22	39
Sholing	20	38
Hornsea	18	37
AFC Portchester	19	35
Baffins Milton Rovers	21	30
Chichester City	22	29
PORTLAND UNITED	21	29
Shaftesbury	22	29
Bournemouth	23	27
Chichester	20	27
Bemerton Heath Harl	20	25
Fareham Town	22	24
Team Solent	22	24
Bashley	22	24
Cowes Sports	22	22
Newport IOW	21	17
Ambesbury Town	19	14
Petersfield Town	23	9

Dorset Premier	Pld	Pts
Dorchester Sports	15	34
Hamworthy Rec	13	33
Westland Sports	14	32
Swanage & Herston	13	30
Portley Cobham	13	29
Gillingham Town	16	29
Holt Utd	13	27
Balti Sports	16	27
Hamworthy Utd Res	14	21
Mere Town	15	21
Parley Sports	15	17
Shaftesbury Town Res	15	17
Bridport Res	15	10
Sidmouth Utd	13	10
Blandford Utd	15	9
Wareham Rangers	15	7
Sherborne Town Res	16	5

Dorset Senior (24)	Pld	Pts
Chickerell Utd	11	27
Corfe Castle	10	23
Westland Sports Res	10	21
Swanage & Herston	10	21
Broadstone FC	10	16
Beaminster	10	16
Corfe Mullen Utd	10	14
Poole Borough	12	13
Canford Utd	12	13
Portland Utd Res	8	12
Allendale	12	9
Dorchester Sports Res	9	5
Wincanton Town Res	9	3

Dorset League Div 1 (24)	Pld	Pts
Wool Utd	10	22
Tisbury Utd	9	20
AFC Blandford	9	19
Stalbridge	12	17
Portland Utd Youth	9	14
Canford Utd	8	13
Wareham Rangers Res	9	13
Boscombe Polonia	12	12
Weymouth FC Colts	12	12
Blandford Utd Res	8	8
Allendale Res	8	6
Swanage & Herston Res	9	6
Parley Sports Res	9	6

Dorset League Div 2 (26)	Pld	Pts
Sturminster Marshall	13	34
Wimborne Phoenix	12	30
Portsmouth Utd	13	24
Broadstone Seniors FC	11	23
Portland Town	11	22
Shaftesbury Town Colts	12	21
Broadmayne	13	18
Chickerell Utd Res	12	14
Maiden Newton & Catt	10	13
Gillingham Town	12	11
Sturminster Newton Utd Res	12	10
Marlham	12	10
Piddlehinton Utd	13	5
Okeford Utd	11	5

Dorset League Div 3 (24)	Pld	Pts
Wimborne Phoenix Res	12	25
Bridport 3rds	8	24
Gill Dons	9	22
AFC Blandford Res	12	21
Donhead Utd	10	19
Verwood All Stars	9	18
Corfe Castle Res	8	18
South Cheriton Utd	11	16
Handley Sports	11	13
Portland Town Res	11	11
Pimperne Sports	10	6
Bere Regis	11	4
Wool Utd Res	12	3

Dorset League Div 4 (26)	Pld	Pts
Verwood AS Developm	13	27
Piddlehinton Utd Res	9	22
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	11	22
Crossway Spilfries	12	21
Portland Utd Panthers	12	21
Shillingstone	10	19
Lytchett & RT	8	14
Portland Town A	12	14
Tisbury Utd Res	10	14
Redlands Rebels	11	12
Puddletown	10	11
Chickerell Utd A	10	10
Portsmouth Utd Res	11	3
Wool & Wimfrith	11	3

Football round-up

Leaders Chickerell jolted by Blues beating

DORSET INTERMEDIATE CUP QF
THERE were plenty of goals in Saturday's four quarter final ties.

AFC Blandford were top of the lot as they mauled Marnhull 7-0.

Next up were Devon & Exeter League Division Five leaders Lyme Regis Reserves who had few problems in winning 5-0 at Maiden Newton & Cattistock.

The Seaside's opened the scoring going up the slope at Kennel Lane just before half time and never looked back with goals from Harvey Brimicombe (2), Ben Vine, Steve Batey and Jake Bearpark.

Swanage & Herston Res knocked out visiting Portland Town 4-2 while the closest result was at Wimborne Phoenix were beaten 3-2 by visiting Wareham Rangers Res.

Portland Utd Res 2 Chickerell Utd 0
PORTLAND United Reserves returned to Dorset Senior League action on Saturday with a well earned win over league leaders Chickerell United who arrived at the Weyline Stadium having won nine of their 10 games to date.

The Blues, boosted by first team regular Ryan McKechnie and including Shane Evans, Sean Zima and Lee Sharpe who all have Wessex League games under their belt, controlled the game from the first whistle.

And it was McKechnie who gave the hosts the lead neatly lobbing former Portland keeper Ian Bickerstaff.

Portland could have taken a bigger lead into the break but McKechnie's fierce drive was blocked as was Adam Anstey's header from a corner, this time by colleague Aiden Jackson.

Louis Hankin then forced Bickerstaff to tip over the bar.

After the break Chickerell came out fired up, and soon rattled the hosts' crossbar which seemed to kick start Portland back into action as they continued to have the lion's share of possession.

The second goal arrived when Jordan Moore, on as a substitute for the injured Leon Attree, squared the ball for Jackson to stab home at the second attempt.

Chickerell weren't finished however; and

Blues keeper Ash Weeks pulled off a tremendous save when Steve Welch went through one-on-one.

Looking back at the game Portland United Reserves manager Justin Faulkner said: "We dominated for large periods and scored the two goals, but they came at the right time."

"They hit the bar within a couple of minutes of the restart but that was a result of us over playing. Had that gone in it could have been a different game."

"We are putting together a nice little run of form but we need to guard against complacency. We have had quite a hard start and we still have quite a lot of games in hand. Win those games in hand we will be fourth which is about where we expected to be this season."

This Saturday Portland travel to last season's champions Witchampton United.

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Portland Utd Res: Ash Weeks, Lee Sharpe, Adam Anstey, Leon Attree (Jordan Moore), Louis Hankin (Liam Gould), Shane Evans, Sean Hawke (Lance Wilson), Ryan McKechnie, Josh Camp, Sean Zima, Aiden Jackson.

DORSET LEAGUES
Premier Division

BALTI Sports ended a worrying three-game losing trot with a 2-2 draw against Merley Cobham.

Up at the top a James Samways goal in the 68th minute was enough to keep Dorchester Sports a point clear in pole position after a 1-0 win at Holt Utd.

Second-placed Hamworthy Recreation kept up the heat with Ali Garard scoring twice in a 5-1 win over Wareham Rangers.

Senior Division

BEN Lees netted twice for Poole Borough as they won 4-2 at home to Westlands Sports Reserves. Also on target for Poole was Lee Green and Jack Fendley.

Harry White scored a hat trick and Matt Lemat twice for Corfe Mullen Utd as they won 5-0 at Allendale.

A brace for Adam Beattie and one for



◆ **GOAL: Hravey Brimicombe fires Lyme Regis Reserves 2-0 up in Saturday's 5-0 Dorset Intermediate Cup quarter final win at Maiden Newton & Cattistock**
Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

Matt Taylor was enough for Cranborne to take all three points from visitors Dorchester Sports Reserves after a 3-2 win. Steve Churchill scored both of Dorchester's goals.

Witchampton and Broadstone shared the points drawing 1-1 with Ryan Guy scoring for Witchampton and Jack White for Broadstone.

Division One

LEAGUE leaders Wool Utd won 2-1 at Tisbury. Parley Sports Reserves and Blandford Reserves drew 3-3 with Sam Dillard, Olly Harrod and Jon Pete on target for Sports.

Stalbridge won 7-2 at Boscombe Polonia with George Coleman, Will Rumsey, Ben Chant, Will Mogridge, Graham Lomas (2) and Matt Jordan all scoring for Stalbridge and Kamil Kwiatkowski (2) replying.

Brad Frapp and George Heap scored for Canford Utd but it wasn't enough as visitors Allendale Reserves won 3-2.

Weymouth Colts and Portland A shared the points drawing 3-3 with Matt West (2) and Derek Wall netting for Weymouth.

Division Two

STURMINSTER Marshall pummelled visitors Piddlehinton 8-0 with goals from Scott

Logan (3), Jordan Fisk (3), Luke Goddard and Aaron Clark.

Gillingham Town Reserves and Portsmouth shared the points drawing 2-2 with Dominic Powell and Adam Score netting for the Gills and Andy Bell and Michael Hoskins replying for Portesham.

Matty Yeatman and Harry Warmington scored for Shaftesbury as they won 2-1 at Broadmayne whose consolation came from Ben O'Rourke.

Elsewhere, Nick Ross (2) and Alex Manunza scored for Chickerell United Reserves as they won 3-1 against Sturminster Newton.

Broadstone Reserves won 6-0 at Okeford with goals from Aiden Carter (3), Alejandro Salazar, Carl Young and James Ivey.

Division Three

DANNY Sheppard scored a hat trick and Andy Jones twice as Portland Town Reserves moved up to 10th after winning 5-3 at Wimborne Phoenix. Stuart Pomeroy, Jack Roberts and Bradley Fitz-Walter replied for the hosts.

Meanwhile, Louis Garrett, Chris Burt, James Weeks and Dean Stokes were all on the score sheet for Gill Dons as they won 4-2 at home to Bere Regis.

Rugby

Can do better! big win, but improvement to be had

Puddletown 40
Blandford 2nd XV 0

Dorset & Wilts Division Two (S)
AFTER their dramatic D&W Junior Vase victory last week, second placed Puddletown returned to League action against the bottom side Blandford 2nds writes Ian Frizzle.

The home side did enough to dominate the game and score eight tries, four in each half. However, they will look back on this game as one where they left a barrow load of points on the pitch.

None of the eight tries were converted and many chances of further scores went begging with poor execution or sloppiness in the passing.

On the bright side, a try scoring bonus point was in the bag by half time. Captain Sam Baillie dotted down the first after 10 minutes after the ball was spun wide through the backs.

The second followed with loosehead prop Jez Beale breaking through the visitors' lineout and touching down a bobbling loose ball.

Beale was once again involved on the half hour with a break down the left, he juggled the ball before passing out to winger John Moise who went over in the corner.

Just before the break, the home forwards were exerting pressure on the Blandford line; from a 5m line-out, openside Joe Malpas caught ball cleanly and the red tide rumbled towards the try line with Beale reaping the benefits and going over for his second try of the half.

The second half started with the Villagers losing fly half Tom Yeatman to the sin bin for 10 minutes for a high tackle, paying the price for continued Puddletown indiscipline in the tackle and at the breakdown.

The remaining 14 men in red stepped up to the plate with Baz Dovell, deputising for Yeatman at fly half, and getting involved straight away.

The home forwards won a 5m scrum and the ball was spun out to Dan Udell to go over in the corner.

The home forwards continued to pressurise the visitors and from a 5m scrum No.8 Pearce Mercer

picked up from the base and drove through to score.

Then Udell again made a break down the left and fed inside to centre Matt Watts who ran in to score.

The final try was a carbon copy of last of try of the first half, with the ball caught at a 5m line out, the maul formed and driven over for Beale to score his third and Puddletown's eighth try of the day.

A deserved victory, but one of those performances that left a lot to be desired, with some 'work ons' for training this week before the away game at WHEATSHEAF CABIN CREW next week.

D&W Div Two (S)

	Pld	+/	Pts
Sherborne II	10	555	49
PUDDLETOWN	10	253	45
Salisbury III	10	176	38
East Dorset	10	1	33
DORCHESTER II	10	12	24
Wheatsheaf CC	10	11	22
Dinton	10	-17	22
Ellingham & Ringwood	10	-160	20
New Milton III	10	-32	17
Oakmedians II	10	-388	11
Bournemouth IV	10	-166	5
Blandford II	10	-245	2



■ **DETERMINED:**
Loosehead prop Jez Beale powers towards the line for one of his three tries.
Photo by CHRIS EDWARDS

Lyme skittles

RESULTS (W/e Dec 9th);

Ladies
Wootton Wobblers 295
Skittso's 276 (+BL), La
Crème 305 (+BL) Genera-
tions 289, Roller-
coasters 264 (+BL)
Smashers 284.
High Scores: S Yeat-
man 60; J Wyatt 59.

Men's Div 1
Miscellaneous 364 No
Hoppers 365 (+BL),
Roadrunners 322 Clue-
less 327 (+BL), Wreck-
ers 338 Marksmen 355
(+BL), Young Guns 362
wrappers 373 (+BL).
High Scores: S Beal
72; J Cable 70; M What-
more 69; C Flux 67.

Div 2 Curtis
Nomination Cup:
Alleytwits bt Shakers
(game given), Rousdon
Rebels 265 President's
Men 243, Anthill Mob
185 Tornadoes 126.
Nomination High
Scores: D Savage 55.

Mens' Div One Pld Pts BL
No Hoppers7 14 8
Flyers7 10 8
Wreckers7 7 4
Marksmen7 6 10
Trappers7 6 8
Young Guns7 6 8
Roadrunners6 5 2
Clueless7 4 8
Miscellaneous5 2 4

Mens' Div Two Pld Pts BL
Alleytwits6 8 10
British Legion6 8 10
Anthill Mob5 8 2
Rousdon Rebels6 6 4
Shakers5 4 4
Tornadoes6 4 4
President's Men6 2 6

Ladies Pld Pts BL
Hot Gossips5 9 5
Wootton Wobb5 8 4
La Crème5 7 8
Rollercoasters6 4 6
Smashers5 4 6
Skittso's5 2 5
Generations5 2 2

Table skittles

BRIDPORT		
Division A	Pd	PtsBL
Crown Duels	10	47 9
Jesters	10	37 7
Whats the Odds	9	31 6
What an Anchor	10	30 7
No Hoppers	10	28 6
Hopeless Anchors	10	28 2
Muffing Heads	10	22 6
Fred's Heros	8	16 3
Odds Against	9	16 6
Five Alive	10	13 5
The Devils	10	13 1
Cliff's Lil' Helpers	10	9 1

Division B		
Mucking Fudlers	10	36 8
Bellends	10	31 7
George Gormets	10	31 5
Fishermens Frds	9	29 8
King of Clubs	10	28 6
Little Nibblers	10	24 3
Baggies Boys	8	21 4
Hit and Hope	9	21 5
Mel's Men	10	21 4
Has Beens	10	21 3
Stickups	9	13 1
About Time	9	9 2

Lyme Regis Darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	6	12
Nags Z	6	11
Hunters Lodge	6	6
Royal Standard	6	6
Half an Octopus	5	3
Talbot Arms	4	2
Four Play	5	2
Sticky Bandits	6	2
180s: R.Haines and D.Herbert x2.		

West Dorset Hockey

Hawks let lead slip - twice

WEST DORSET A 2
SIDMOUTH & OTTERY B 2
South East 2

WITH the two sides occupying seventh and eighth place in the league, a score draw could have been predicted, but despite a very cold Sir John Colfox pitch, the low temperatures did not affect the quality of play from these mid-table teams.

The flow of the game was constant, and the umpires did very well to let play continue at every opportunity.

The experienced back four of Henry Middleton, Dave Tewson and brothers Giles and Bruce Maltby, restricted the visitors to a few shots in the first half, which keeper Alex Drew was able

to contain untroubled.

The Hawks went ahead shortly before the break as Russell Coombes' weak shot managed to find its way into the goal, following good supporting play from the Hawks midfield.

However the visitors came out the stronger after the break, and levelled matters from a well worked short corner routine that saw the balls buried into the far corner.

The Hawks did not let their heads drop, and enjoyed a good 10 minute spell, which saw the opposition keeper pull off a string of great saves.

However, the man between the sticks was finally beaten for a second time,

again from the stick of Coombes, after good play from Julian May and Will Maltby.

The tables then turned again, and the visitors worked hard to increase their share of possession, eventually winning a short corner with less than 10 minutes left of the game.

It was another well worked short corner routine which opened up the Hawks defensive quartet, and the resulting shot was saved by Drew but straight onto the back of his stick to divert the ball back into the goal.

Hawks were unable to find a winner and had to endure another match without lady luck on their side, although

a score draw was probably a fair reflection of the match.

Hawks A's last match before the winter break is on Saturday at home against second placed East Devon C.

West Dorset A: Alex Drew, Henry Middleton, Dave Tewson, Giles Maltby, Bruce Maltby, Ollie Bareham, Will Maltby, Julian May, Rich Wilson, Will Tewson, Russell Coombes; Sub: Dan Wilde

South East 2		
Chard A	Pld	GD Pts
East Devon C	11	26 28
Taunton CS A	11	28 24
ECV Hornets B	11	17 20
Chard B	10	8 20
Bridgwater C	11	18 19
Sidmth & Ottery B	11	4 17
WEST DORSET A	11	-9 11

Minehead A	10	-24	10
Taunton Vale D	11	-16	7
Yeovil & Sherb B	11	-25	6
Sidmth & Ottery C	10	-42	4

Plymouth University A 4
West Dorset Hawks 0
Southern 2

WEST Dorset Hawks were well beaten by third place Plymouth Uni A - no details available.

Southern 2		
Sidmouth & Ottery	Pld	GD Pts
PGSOB A	11	24 21
Plymouth Uni A	11	8 18
Caradon	11	3 18
OPM	11	-6 18
Bude	11	14 16
Camborne SoM	10	9 15
WEST DORSET	11	-14 13
Isca C	10	4 12
Plymouth Marjon C	11	-11 11
Tavistock A	11	-28 4
Sidmth & Ottery A	11	-29 4

Tee-off - golf news

Blank week for Bridport men and veterans

LYME REGIS with Richard Jackman
THE DECEMBER MEDAL saw a very tight finish in Division One, but it was Andrew Dawe, with a level gross score on the back nine, who took the honours which included an eagle on the tricky 15th.

Second, on countback after a brilliant front nine was Tristan Wakeley, also with a nett 69, while three handicapper Jonathan Ebdon recovered from three bogey holes in a row to come in one under nett par and finish 3rd.

With the best score of the day the

Division Two winner by five shots was Steve Thirlwell who, after a blistering front nine, went on to score an impressive nett 65 while Nic Snape had a better back nine to just push Steve Kitcher into 3rd place.

The SENIORS' DECEMBER STABLEFORD was played with some different tee and green placings owing to the bunker work which tested the players. Charles Vane Percy coped best scoring a brilliant 43 points for the best score of the day which included an eagle on the

14th.

Robert Horne had an impressive front nine score of 23 in his 40 points in second place, while in 3rd Brian Carnell who really upped his game on the back nine to finish with 37.

Division Two belonged to Mike List as he scored a quartet of three pointers on the back nine to finish on 40 points.

Roger Baker and Steve Harlow both had four-pointers holes in their 38s, but on countback it was Baker who took silver.

BRIDPORT with Peter Crowter
BOTH the men's and veterans competitions had to be cancelled due to bad weather.

Ladies' Section by Lyn Jessop
A small field of 10 competed for the Ladies December EG medal.

The winner in Division One was Nicky Stone with an excellent net 70 playing off a handicap of six.

Division Two winner was Sally Woolmington with a gross 109-26-83 net. Pat Baldwin (111-32-79 net) won Division Three.

Colfox and Woodroffe sweep the board



■ **FIRST HOME:** Inter Boys champion Chet Gillespie pictured with Robin Goodfellow (from Sponsors CHG South West) and Colfox Deputy Headteacher Mike Hoffmann.

ONCE again The Sir John Colfox Academy and The Woodroffe School showed their prowess as they dominated the final race of the South West Dorset Cross Country League held at Colfox last week.

The league consisting of three races is contested by 12 schools in the area with points given to the individuals and teams based on places; the scores then added up across all three races, the lowest score overall winning.

In absolutely perfect conditions for cross country and a beautiful setting, the Colfox course is a true test with the infamous hill to conquer.

Woodroffe got off to a good start winning the first race of the day the Year 7 girls with Alice Clarke (Woodroffe) winning the overall individual trophy.

The Year 7 boys saw Colfox triumph with Oakley Winters-O'Brien (Colfox) leading them home.

The Junior Girls race was the most hotly contested and was a brilliant race. In the end Woodroffe beat Colfox by just a single point to take the title. Phoebe Clarke (Woodroffe), older sister of Alice, made it a double family celebration by taking the individual title.

The Junior Boys race saw Owen Pitcher (Colfox) race to victory and help Colfox to the team title.

Maddy Herbert (Colfox) then led Colfox to victory in the Inter Girls race.

The final race, the Inter Boys, saw Chet Gillespie (Woodroffe) buck the trend. Although Colfox won the team title it was Gillespie who raced to the individual title.

The organisers would like to thank CHG South West for sponsoring the trophies and director Robin Goodfellow for presenting the awards along with Deputy Headteacher Mike Hoffmann.

They would also like to thank the Watton Trust for allowing the use of the hill as part of the course.



■ **WINNER:** Maddy Herbert who led home the Inter Girls pictured with Robin Goodfellow (from Sponsors CHG South West) and Colfox Deputy Headteacher Mike Hoffmann.

Dorch Snooker

Express flying along

Dorchester & Dist
LATEST results: WDC Team Shaky 0 Colliton Hopefuls 6, Trinity M 6
Trinity Express 2, Purbeck Potters 5 WDC Whipping Boys 2.

Top breaks: None.
Top break of the season: Evan Wellman (WD Club A) 54.

Rearranged league matches: WDC YMFMT v Trinity M Thursday (January 11th), West Dorset Club A v Trinity M Thursday (January 25th), West Dorset Club A v Purbeck Potters Monday (March 5th).

Team Open KO Cup
WDC Team Shaky 4
Trinity Express 3, WDC YMFMT 2
Trinity M 4, Colliton Hopefuls 1
West Dorset Club A 4, Purbeck Potters 4
WDC Whipping Boys 0 (w/o).

SF draw: Trinity M v West Dorset Club A (February 21st at Colliton Club), Purbeck Potters v WDC Team Shaky (February 22nd at Colliton Club).

Table week 9		
Trinity Express	Pld	Pts
Colliton Hopefuls	8	33
Trinity M	8	30
WDC Team Shaky	8	28
Colliton XQ2017	8	27
Purbeck Potters	7	25
WDC YMFMT	6	23
West Dorset Club A	5	22
WDC Whipping Boys	8	13

Darts

BRIDPORT		
Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	10	19
Hands of Time	9	16
BSC	9	14
Well Hung Clocks	9	13
Nomads	9	12
4 Drunks & A Driver	9	9
Respect-de-Bull	9	7
Five Sticky Fingers	10	6
Nags Head A	9	6
One for the Vikings	10	5
Young Darters	10	5
Les Miserables	9	0
180s: L.Cox, A.Parker		
S.Harvey all x& 4, M.Barnett,		
S.Ahner, G.Knight & J.Vickery		
all x3, ten players x2.		

Division Two		
Pld	Pts	
Elders	10	20
Rubber Johns	10	18
Odds or Us	10	17
Dart Vaders	10	10
Poachers	9	9
Mis Fits	9	9
No Direction	9	8
Otter Rotters	10	7
The Surgeons	10	7
Anchor Five	9	5
No Chance	10	3
Wicked TN	9	3
180s: C.Higgs x4, F.Jones x3,		
D.Sorrell x2, P.Moye,		
S.Adams, T.Bond, R.Moye, &		
T.Symonds all x1.		

Division Three		
Pld	Pts	
Anchor Vale View	8	13
Whamps	8	12
Stumpies Stallions	9	12
Time Bombs	9	12
Dat Team	8	11
Midnight Runners	9	9
The Shoplifters	8	7
Dodgers	9	5
On me Tab	8	5
Odds & Sods	8	4
Ben's Followers	8	2
180s: P.Gumbriel, M.Brock,		
C.Eaton & T.Stickley all x1.		

Ladies Div One		
Pld	Pts	
Anchor Aces	10	19
Arrows Awry	10	19
Queens Bees	10	17
Queensies OTC	10	14
Castaways	10	13
Sue's Rebels	10	11
Lil's Hopefuls	11	8
Diamonds ITR	10	8
Against the Odds	10	8
Charlie's Angels	10	6
Good Mates	11	4
Tiger Stripes	10	3
Double Trouble	10	2
Most wins: Janet Collins,		
Jackie Hoskins, Sally James,		
Elaine Knight & Heather		
Scadding all x9.		

Mark Broad Fund invites applications

THE Mark Broad Fund is again inviting applications for assistance from up and coming youngsters, whether from individuals or clubs.

Since 2004, the fund has raised over £40,000 which has been awarded to a wide range of applicants in sports of all kinds, to assist with the ever rising costs of their chosen activities.

Anyone wishing to apply should contact fund trustee Colin Wilcox for an application form on 07879 840862. Applications close on December 31st.

Although previous recipients of assistance can re-apply, new applicants will take precedence when the trustees consider this year's awards.

Bridport RFC

Blues battle back for draw

**Bridport 24
Salisbury 2nd XV 24**
Dorset & Wilts Division One (South)
AFTER a crushing defeat last week the Blues were looking to improve their fortunes at home to a strong Salisbury side on Saturday writes *Stuart Briggs*.

They duly obliged with highly committed team effort and were unlucky not to edge the win drawing 24-24. From the kick off both sides were guilty of handling errors and neither could make any real headway into their opponents' 22.

The Blues were conceding penalties for offside allowing Salisbury to gain ground into their 22 and after another penalty was carelessly spilled by Salisbury taking a quick tap the Blues capitalised making good ground into the Salisbury 22 where they gained a line out.

From the throw-in Mitch Waters made good ground before offloading to Daragh Mcoughlin whose quick pass put debutant Zak Knight over for a try which was converted by Freddie Woolner.

Woolner was now making an impact on the game with his excellent touch kicking. Salisbury knocked-on from a line out and from the resulting scrum quick ball allowed Woolner to make a blindsided break and score but he missed with the conversion.

From the kick off Salisbury were allowed to kick a loose ball towards the

line and an awkward bounce evaded Woolner and the Salisbury winger got his hand to the ball to score in the corner, which was well converted.

From a long kick off by Woolner, Salisbury quickly counter attached and were soon back in the Blues 22. The hosts won a good line out, but Woolner's kick was charged down and the chance to clear was lost.

After a good scrum and long clearance kick the Blues were again penalised for offside.

The resulting line out was not cleared and from a scrum Salisbury were awarded a penalty close to the posts which was converted to leave Bridport 12-10 at the interval.

The second half started with a series of strong attacks by the Blues with Waters, Mcoughlin and Woolner all making good breaks forcing errors.

From a 22 line out Mcoughlin broke the first line of defence, Waters carried the momentum forward and a good offload allowed Jon Butler to score a try which was not converted.

The Blues continued to play attractive attacking rugby and enjoyed several good phases. Mitch Waters went close after a quick tap penalty, the ball was recycled but Mcoughlin, after a good break, was isolated and conceded a penalty.

With both sides playing attacking rugby, Salisbury finally got the breakthrough with constant pressure on



■ ON THE ATTACK: Mike Pibworth makes a break in Saturday's 24-24 draw.

the Blues line resulting in a converted try to level the scores at 17-17.

From the kick off the Blues conceded a penalty and from the resulting line out the visitors moved the ball through their backs and from a questionable pass went over in the corner for a converted try.

With time running out Bridport showed great composure and spirit and series of drives saw them just come up short.

After a scrum against the head was reset the Blues were awarded a free kick for early engagement by the visitors and good pressure saw Mike Pibworth get the crucial try and with Woolner keeping his cool, the scores were level at 24-24.

Despite a fumble from the kick off the Blues saw out time for a very well deserved and welcome 3 points.

Bridport visit BOURNEMOUTH 3RDS on Saturday.

Puckett crowned national champion

MOONFLEET 2000 Bowling Club's Martin Puckett recently won the Grand Final of the Open Singles Circuit: a singles sets competition, held at Potters Resort in Norfolk.

Thirty two players qualified for the grand final by accruing points from playing in the 20 open singles competitions held around the country during the year.

The final 32 are split into eight groups, with the winners from the each group decided after a round-robin, then the two top players from each group play a knock-out to decide the champion.

Puckett took on Jordan Philpott of Spalding, Lincolnshire in a final full of extraordinary drawing shots and Martin ran out the winner 2-0 in sets, bringing home the winner's cheque of £1400.

Martin has been playing at Moonfleet since he was eight years old, just after the Club's Bowls Hall was built on the Marsh Playing fields. He was a member of the Clubs Junior section which meets on Saturday mornings and is an inspiration to a number of young players who are following in his footsteps.

He was a member of England's junior

team for seven years, was a finalist in 2016 for the Under 25s World Indoor Championship, has just been selected for the English Senior International team for the fourth season and has qualified again to take part in the World Indoor Bowls Championship at Potters in January.

◆ The Moonfleet 2000 Indoor Bowls Club caters for everyone from ages of 8 to 80+ including those with disabilities and the next Open day where the public can come and have a try at playing bowls is on Saturday, February 3rd from 10am to 4pm.



■ WINNER: Martin Puckett with the trophy

West Bay Sea Angling

Casting for Life Boats

A SPECIAL match organised by West Bay Sea Angling Club raised for £171 which was recently presented to Sadie Miles of Bridport Branch RNLI.

The money was raised on the hottest day in August, when it was difficult to find a space to fish due to the holidaymakers. As a result,

next year's match has been scheduled for Sunday, October 7th, when everyone is welcome.

Meanwhile, it was decided at the club's AGM that all fish caught from the shore will be measured and immediately returned to the sea alive in the interests of conservation.



■ HAPPY TO HELP: Rod Barr and John Hunt handing over the cheque to Sadie Miles, of Bridport Branch RNLI, watched by members of the WBSAC Committee.

Bridport FC

WITH STUART BROOM

Morale boost for Reserves

**Bridport Reserves 3
Shaftesbury Town Reserves 3**
Dorset Premier Division

FOLLOWING a number of heavy defeats, Bridport Reserves managed to stop the rot with a 3-3 draw against Shaftesbury Town Reserves.

Although they were missing two or three regulars, the Bees welcomed back keeper Billy Fleet, and they started well and creating a couple of good opportunities after good work down the right involving Callan Strelley and Finn Cooper.

However, it was the visitors who scored first with their first attack after a mistake from Jake Mansley gifted a chance to Lee Gale who gave Fleet no chance.

Bridport soon struck back scoring twice in quick succession, both from Dom McAllister free kicks. Both were headers with Mansley atoning for his error before centre back Ryan Gall put the Bees ahead.

Shaftesbury responded and scored twice themselves to retake the lead with another from Gale and Callum Gent before half time.

The Bees came out in the second half knowing they had to match Shaftesbury physically, and did just

that with captain for the day McAllister leading the way.

They grew in confidence and created a few opportunities, but it was a Rockies mistake from which striker Josh Hunter levelled the score.

Sensing the opportunity of a win, Cooper hit the post, with Handyside, Hunter, Riley Weedon and Dan Peach all going close, although with Bridport pushing late-on it needed a fine save from Fleet to secure a point.

Manager Shaun Annetts was pleased his side had secured a point for their efforts, but thought they deserved all three.

"Before the game, with the way the results have gone, I would have taken a point.

"But on reflection I believe we deserved three points; we played the better football and could have had a fourth and fifth goal, I am pleased for the players as they have had a hard time recently."

Annetts, whilst pleased with everyone's performance, felt Strelley, promoted from the third team for his first reserve appearance of the season, was his man of the match.

Bowls

Good week for over 60s

BOTH Bridport teams were successful in the County Over 60s league last week.

The A team remained in the trophy hunt after claiming five points at DORCHESTER A with Barry Mapson, Chris Everest & Mike Fletcher winning 17-11 and Martin Wilton, Paul Hallett & Phil Hedges drawing 16-16.

Bridport B thumped DORCHESTER B 48-20 to leave them bottom on shot difference. Brian Legg, Bob Hill & Roger

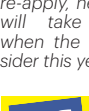
Cowmeadow finished with a four count to win 25-10, whilst Brian Baker, Huw Rees & Peter Scott finished with a five count for a 23-10 victory.

The County Mixed League side had a fine win against BOURNEMOUTH, thanks mainly to Mel Hargett, Phil Tattershall, Laura Taylor & Sue Walsh crushing their opponents 31-12 at home, whilst Sharon Heath, Anne Parkins, Roy Nicoll & Keith Jenkins also won their home rink 15-14.

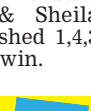
Although Bridport lost both rinks at BOURNEMOUTH; Mike Craddock, Erica Sarson Barbara Jenkins & Peter Hunt 23-22 and Rosie and Martin Wilton David Aylott & Gill Hunt 28-13, the home victories were enough to win 81-77 overall.

Bridport men lost all four rinks against DOLPHIN (Poole) second string in their latest Wessex League match going down 93-59. John Boxall, Mike Higman, Ken Sanger & Bob Taylor going closest to picking up two points, going down 21-18.

In the Ladies County League Division Two Bridport B lost at DOLPHIN C but picked up two points when Joan Griffiths, Anne Parkins, Barbara Jenkins & Sheila Nicol finished 1,4,3 for a 22-21 win.



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INSIDE: Local sport round-up

Magpies fall to clinical Canaries

Dorchester Town 1 Hitchin Town 4

Evo-Stik South Premier – att: 318

A CLINICAL first half performance from Hitchin Town that saw them score three times in 36 minutes effectively killed the game at The Avenue on Saturday, and although Dorchester Town produced a better second half performance they were unable to make much impression on a solid Canaries team.

Having suffered defeats at Royston Town and at home to Stratford Town, games that were both winnable, the Magpies were looking to perhaps stabilise things, but were hit by some ruthless finishing as Hitchin stormed out the blocks from the first whistle.

Their high tempo, high energy start had Dorchester on the back foot immediately and they took the lead on four minutes when Josh Bickerstaff lashed a shot past Chris Weale following a quick corner routine.

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They increased their advantage following a Dorchester corner. Keeper Michael Johnson collected the ball and set up a quick counter attack that saw Weale brilliantly save Jonny McNamara's shot low to his left.

Kyle Egan hooked Elliot Bailey's follow-up off the line only for Mo Baghdadli to bring down McNamara in the scramble. Lucas Kirkpatrick despatched the resultant spot kick.

Hitchin continued to put the home defence under pressure and Weale saved from McNamara and Kevan Cotter before the Magpies finally worried the Canaries goal, but Sam Lanahan's flick from Egan's header just drifted wide.

Hitchin took total command with a third on 36 minutes when Bailey fired home from 12 yards after a neat build up.

To Dorchester's credit they never gave up and started to enjoy good possession in the lead up to halftime.

The introduction of Ed Bastick soon after the restart helped turn the tide Dorchester's way, but that were undone on 55 minutes when a sublime ball from Charlie Smith put McNamara free who delicately chipped the onrushing Weale from 20 yards.

Midway through the half the Canaries were reduced to 10 men when Trey Charles received a second yellow for a foul on Neil Martin.

With a four goal cushion Hitchin dropped the high tempo plan and defended the space, and although Dorchester had plenty of ball and created opportunities, they couldn't breach the visiting defence until they were awarded a free kick on 82 minutes, and that had an element of luck to it, Baghdadli's effort deflecting off the wall to wrong foot Johnson.

They almost added a second in the latter minutes but Antonio Diaz's couldn't direct his flick from David Jerrard's low shot far enough away from Johnson.

Thompson: Play without fear

DORCHESTER Town manager Steve Thompson admitted that Hitchin fully deserved their victory at The Avenue on Saturday.

Thompson told *View Sport*: "They played much better than us in the first half and deserved the win even though we came back strongly in the last half hour, so no arguments; for 60 minutes we were second best."

"All credit to Hitchin, they came out very strong and fast and were very clinical, particularly in that first half an hour, which we haven't been in the last two games in which we have created just as many chances."

"They created five and took three, whilst we created maybe seven in the previous two games and took one, so all credit to them."

On having the man advantage after Trey Charles was dismissed on 65 minutes, the Magpies boss said: "In hindsight it's hard to read too much into how much 11 versus 10 counted, but we know how difficult we found that up at Royston when it was 1-1."



■ **EARLY SHOWER:** Hitchin defender Trey Charles earns second yellow card for a foul on Neil Martin
Photos by PHIL STANDFIELD

With nothing to lose Thompson used all three substitutes explaining: "It was important that I looked at other people, and players were tiring. In the case of Phil Ormrod and Sam Lanahan, they have both missed two-three weeks, and only came back in the previous games."

"Phil also missed six weeks at the start of the season, and so it's difficult for them to get up to the maximum level of fitness because of how much time they've missed."

The former Yeovil Town manager also felt that a combination of their playing style and inexperience of some of the squad also contributed.

"It looked like it caught up with us a bit on Saturday. We tried to be more intense in the way we play, and when you do lose a couple of games you really could and should have won, despite the manager trying not to let it, it does seep into the players confidence which is only natural."

"I've told the lads to play without fear this season because so many players do. I'm thinking why? Play with respect and discipline but not fear, because if you are not good enough for that level you will find out."

But a lot of these lads are very young. Tom Blair and Antonio Diaz are only 18 and Kyle Egan and Dom Panesar-Dower 19 and all playing quite regularly.

"What you tend to find with young players is that it is hard to be consistent; that usually arrives with a bit more experience."

"They play on instinct, and when you need to go back to basics they don't have the experience to fall back on."



■ **INFLUENCE:** The introduction of Ed Bastick helped things improve for Dorchester